

Internal Medicine of West Michigan

TITLE OF POLICY: *High Blood Pressure at time of visit Process*

TYPE OF POLICY: Process/Operational

PURPOSE: Recheck Patients identified with High Blood Pressure at time of the visit.

POLICY: Blood Pressure recheck will be provided to all patients by prepared, informed practice team members who identify a Blood Pressure at time of visit that is:

- >140/90 Non Diabetic
- >140/80 Diabetic

PROCEDURE:

1. Referring to the Standing Order and Rooming Patient procedure guidelines, MA will measure Blood Pressure at every visit.
2. An identified High Blood Pressure will be flagged for physician or MA to repeat at end of visit. (circle, sticky flag ect)
3. The physician will indicate on the encounter that a Blood Pressure follow up visit is required for patients that have a second High Blood Pressure reading.
4. Patient will schedule next planned visit with the physician and Walk in Blood Pressure check by MA as indicated on encounter. Patient will be given *Blood Pressure Appointment Reminder Form*.
5. Follow up Blood Pressure check with Medical Assistant will be documented and signed off by a Physician while the patient is in the office for the appointment. Medical assistant will discuss the physician's plan/orders with patient and remind the patient of upcoming appointment with the Physician.