

Project: **Tat Too**

Materials: Mock tattoo sleeves or tattoo cover sleeves

Cost: \$1.00 - \$2.00 per mock sleeve (in bulk) or ~\$8.00 for tattoo cover

Time: 10 min during sim set up

Details: (This technique is used for embedded patients). During our 3rd semester scenarios, the focus is not skill-attainment but critical thinking and communication (2nd semester focuses on skill integration). During these scenarios, the patients' IV's are already established. This can be problematic for live patients. Solution? Slight-of-hand (pardon the pun). Place a tattoo sleeve (Image 'A') on the patient and run an IV line up the arm, under the sleeve to a reservoir bag (Image 'B'). Hide the reservoir behind the pillow. The 'nurse' can then push drugs or run fluids from a pump in real time and volume. If you inject a very small amount of red dye in the distal port, the nurse will get a 'flash' when they first aspirate/flush the line.



Image 'A'



Image 'B'