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*Guidance: Intravenous, irrigation and preparation fluids may be warmed in an appropriate warming cabinet. Fluids are to be warmed in a separate warming cabinet from blankets (e.g. a single cabinet warmer that is dedicated for fluid warming only or a cabinet with two separate compartments where each compartment has its own independent temperature control). Microwave ovens, water baths or any other device that is not validated by the manufacturer as a medical fluid warming device is not to be used for warming solutions. Fluids are not to be warmed to the same temperature as blankets because fluids attain a higher temperature and retain that temperature longer. Warming cabinets may not be located in an operating/procedure room.*

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*Guidance: Documentation on file from the fluid manufacturer specifies the maximum temperature setting, the length of time fluids may remain in the warming cabinet and usability of the fluid if it has reached the maximum length of time the fluid may remain in the warming cabinet. IV bags are warmed in their plastic over-pouches/outer-wrap. Fluid warming cabinet temperature should be set as recommended by the fluid manufacturer instructions for use (MIFU) but no higher than 43°C/110°F. If there is more than one type of fluid in the warming cabinet (e.g. IV bags and solution bottles, IV bags from different manufacturers) and the fluid MIFU's specify different warming temperatures, the fluid warming cabinet temperature is set to the lowest maximum temperature but no higher than 43°C/110°F.*

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*Guidance: Warming cabinets should be labeled to identify the items that may be placed in them and the maximum temperature setting. A log is kept to record the temperature of the fluid warming cabinet or compartment. At minimum, the temperature is recorded each surgical/procedural day.*



