## **Positioning For Comfort**

These positions allow the child to SIT UP whenever possible. This is less threatening than forcing a child to lie down. Sitting up decreases child's anxiety and increases cooperation. These positioning techniques empower the caregiver to provide a comfortable and supportive environment.

## CHEST TO CHEST SITTING UP- IV, Blood Draw, Immunizations



Parent sits with child sitting chest to chest, legs off to each side. Free arm can be tucked under parents arm.





### BACK TO CHEST- IV, Blood draw and NG Placement

Child sits with his or her back to parent's chest, parent can gently secure free arm. Child legs can also be secured between parents legs.







# **Positioning For Comfort Continued.**

These positions allow the child to SIT UP whenever possible. This is less threatening than forcing a child to lay down- DECREASING the child's anxiety and INCREASING cooperation. These positioning techniques empower the caregiver to provide a comfortable and supportive environment.

### CHILD RECLINED OR LAYING DOWN- IV, Blood Draw, NG and Catheter placement







#### CROSS CRADLE BREASTFEEDING HOLD- IV, Blood draw, Immunizations



Mother cradles baby across the front of her body and secures legs with her free arm.



### GIVING TEENS LOTS OF CHOICES- All procedures



Teens should be given lots of choices: treatment room or hospital room, sitting up or laying down, watch the procedure or use distraction. Involve them in making a plan.