

Instructions for IV Push Medicine

For every infusion

1. Clean the table top with soap and water, alcohol or bleach wipes. Let it air dry.
2. Wash your hands for at least 15 seconds with liquid soap and water or hand foam.
3. Gather these supplies:
 - Alcohol pads
 - Medicine syringe—Check the label for correct **drug name, dose and discard date**. The medicine should look clear, without floating specks (particles). If you see particles in the medicine, use another medicine syringe and let your nurse know.
 - Two (2) syringes of saline solution (0.9% sodium chloride)
 - One (1) syringe of heparin or citrate (if you were told to use this)
4. Use a fresh alcohol pad to scrub the end cap on your IV line. Scrub for 15 seconds and let air dry.
5. Take the cap off a syringe of **saline solution**. Twist the syringe into the end cap of your IV line. If there is a clamp on the line, open it.
6. “Pulse flush” your IV line with the saline, using a push-pause motion. Do this until the syringe is empty. Then hold the end cap and twist off the syringe.
7. Use a fresh alcohol pad to scrub the end cap on your IV line. Scrub for 15 seconds and let air dry.
8. Take the cover off the end of the **medicine** syringe. **Don’t** let the tip touch anything. If it does, start over with a new medicine syringe.
9. Twist the medicine syringe into the end cap on your IV line.
10. Inject (push) the medicine in slowly. It should take about _____ minutes. When finished, hold the end cap as you twist and remove the syringe.
11. Use a fresh alcohol pad to scrub the end cap on your IV line. Scrub for 15 seconds and let air dry.
12. Twist the other syringe of **saline solution** into the end of your IV line. “Pulse flush” the line until the syringe is empty. **Skip Step 13 if you will use heparin or citrate.**

If you need help preparing the syringes, see the info sheet called [“Flushing the Line with Heparin, Saline or Citrate.”](#)

13. If you do *not* use heparin or citrate: Before removing the empty syringe, close the clamp if you have one. Then hold the end cap and twist off the syringe. **Go to Step 15.**
14. If you were told to use heparin or citrate:
- Remove the empty saline syringe.
 - Scrub the end cap on your IV line for 15 seconds with a fresh alcohol pad and let it air dry.
 - Twist the syringe of heparin or citrate into the end of your IV line.
 - “Pulse flush” your IV line with the syringe of heparin or citrate.
 - Before removing the empty syringe, close the clamp if you have one. Then hold the end cap and twist off the syringe.
15. Throw your used supplies into the household trash, unless we tell you not to.

Getting ready for your next infusion

When you get new medicine, check to see if you need to keep it in the refrigerator. If you do, you may take the next dose out 4 to 6 hours before you plan to infuse. This will let it warm up before you use it. Go ahead and do this unless your nurse tells you otherwise.

Don’t heat your medicine in the microwave oven, direct sunlight, hot water or any other heat source. Heating can damage the device or the drug. If that happens, they may not work the way they should.

If you forget to take your medicine out of the refrigerator, it is still OK to infuse. **Do not change your scheduled dosing times.**

If you have any problems please call

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Always remember to:

1. Wash your hands before touching supplies.
2. “Scrub the hub”—Clean the end cap on your IV line for 15 seconds and let it dry before connecting to it.
3. Use a new medicine syringe if you touch the tip.