

Chemotherapy Using a C-Series Homepump

General Info and Care Tips

How does it work?

You'll get your medicine through a device called a C-Series elastomeric homepump, or medicine ball. The device delivers (infuses) the medicine at the rate that your doctor ordered, using your body heat and the pressure of the balloon inside the medicine ball.

What should I expect?

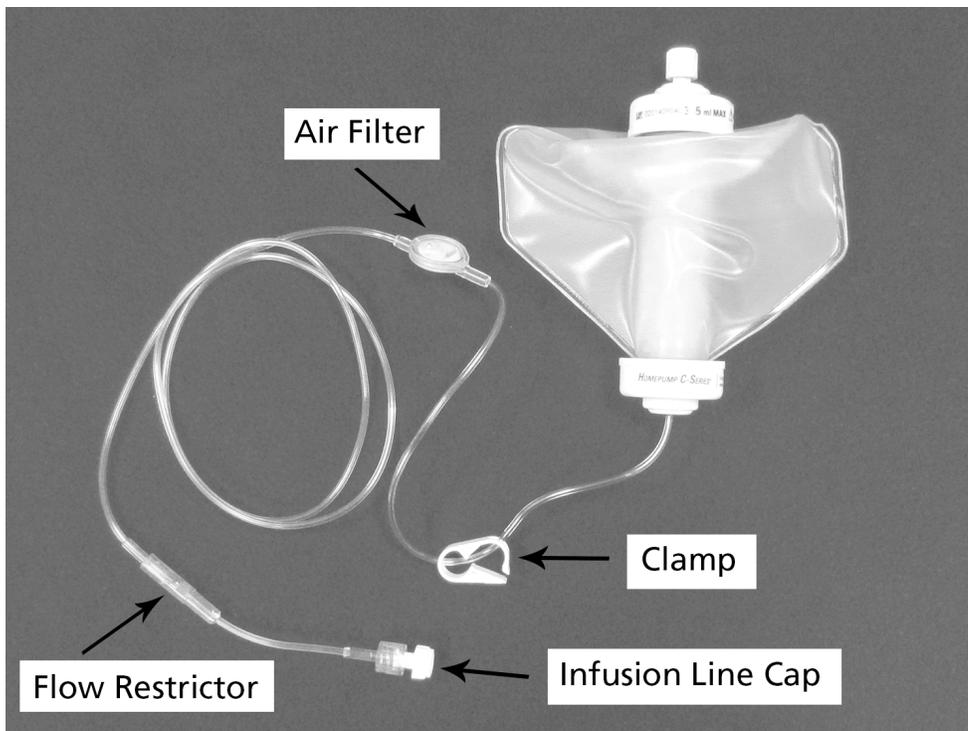
A nurse will connect the medicine ball to your IV catheter and start the infusion. As the medicine goes into your body, the balloon inside gets smaller.

Your nurse will tell you:

- How long your infusion will take
- When you'll be disconnected from it

Caring for your homepump

- You can carry your medicine ball in the bag provided. Keep the bag on the outside of your clothes so it doesn't get too warm.
- Be careful **not** to lie down on the medicine ball. You can lay the medicine ball on the nightstand by your bed or on top of your pillow when you sleep. Avoid placing it under the covers.
- Avoid extreme heat or cold. The medicine will infuse faster or slower if your body becomes very hot or cold. Stay away from hot tubs and heating blankets.
- Use warm water when bathing, not too hot or cold. Be careful **not** to get the medicine ball or your IV catheter wet. Keep the medicine ball, tubing and IV line dry.
- Protect the medicine ball from direct sunlight and very cold weather.
- Avoid exercising or doing other things that make you feel hot.
- Keep the medicine ball away from pets and small children.



Check the medicine ball and tubing

- Check the medicine ball every morning and every evening to be sure the balloon is getting smaller.
- Be sure the flow restrictor is taped to your skin. This piece helps control how fast the medicine flows.
- The air filter on the tubing should stay **uncovered**. You need to keep it dry. **Don't** tape the air filter to your skin.
- The medicine will infuse slowly. It can take a few hours before you see any change in the ball's size.
- If the ball doesn't look like it's getting smaller, check the tubing. Be sure it isn't clamped or kinked.

When the infusion is done

The amount of chemotherapy you receive each hour is very small (approximately one teaspoon). The medicine ball can look empty but still have many hours of medicine remaining. A nurse will remove the medicine ball at your home or at the infusion center at a scheduled time.

What should I do if my medicine leaks or spills?

You'll get a spill kit with your supplies. You should always keep this spill kit with you while you're connected to your homepump. If any medicine leaks or spills, call Fairview Home Infusion for instructions.

When to call for help

If the medicine leaks or stops flowing, or for any other problems, please call:

Fairview Home Infusion

612-672-2233 or 1-800-642-8845

