

Instructions for Gravity Infusion

START INFUSION

Supplies:

- ✓ One (1) bag medication or bag of solution/medication vial (if applicable)
 - Check patient name, medication, directions and ordered rate for infusion
- ✓ Four (4) alcohol wipes
- ✓ Two (2) 10 ml NS flush (normal saline syringe)
- ✓ One (1) SwabCap (orange, green or blue cap)
- ✓ One (1) heparin flush (if instructed)
- ✓ One (1) red sterile cap (if instructed)
- ✓ Gravity tubing (good for 24 hrs. After opening)
- ✓ IV pole

Steps:

1. **WASH HANDS**
2. **CLEAN** area where you will be working
3. **PREPARE MEDICATION**
 - A. If required, **RECONSTITUTE** medication according to the “**MINI BAG PLUS**” instruction sheet
 - B. **HANG** medication on IV pole
 - C. **REMOVE** tubing from packaging
 - D. **CLOSE** clamp on tubing
 - E. **REMOVE** IV port cover from medication bag
 - F. **REMOVE** tubing spike cap on medication bag
 - G. **INSERT** IV tubing into medication bag
 - H. **SQUEEZE** drip chamber until it is half full
 - I. **OPEN** clamp on tubing to allow tubing to fill completely
 - J. **CLOSE** clamp
 - K. **ADJUST** rate (refer to prescription label)
4. **START INFUSION**
 - A. **CLEAN** IV line with an alcohol wipe for 30 seconds
 - B. **REMOVE AIR** from NS syringe and **FLUSH** IV line with 10mL NS
 - C. **CLEAN** IV line with an alcohol wipe for 30 seconds
 - D. **REMOVE** cap from medication tubing
 - E. **CONNECT** medication tubing to IV line
 - F. **OPEN** all clamps

5. INFUSION COMPLETE

- A. **WASH HANDS**
- B. **CLEAN** area where you will be working
- C. **NOTE:**
 - If medication is ordered **ONCE DAILY** in a 24 hour period, then discard all used supplies including IV tubing after final flush
 - If medication is ordered for **MULTIPLE DOSED IN A 24 HR PERIOD** then the medication tubing will be reused, be sure to place **RED STERILE CAP** on end of medication tubing
- D. **OPEN** red sterile cap
- E. **REMOVE** tubing from IV line
- F. **PLACE** red sterile cap on end of medication tubing
- G. **CLEAN** IV line with an alcohol wipe for 30 seconds
- H. **REMOVE AIR** from NS syringe and **FLUSH** IV line with 10mL
- I. If instructed, **REMOVE AIR** from heparin flush and **FLUSH** IV line
- J. **PLACE** SwabCap on end of IV line
- K. **CLAMP** IV line, if instructed
- L. **THROW AWAY** all used supplies

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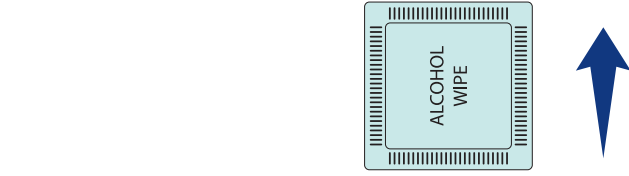


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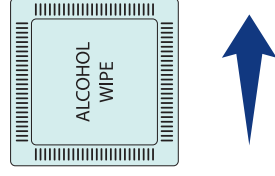
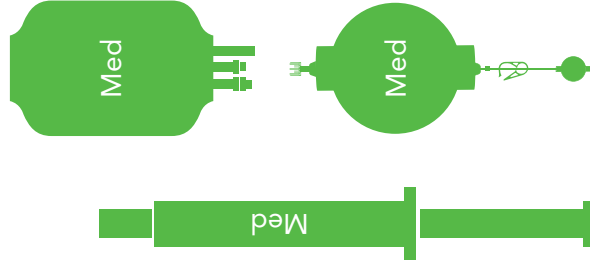
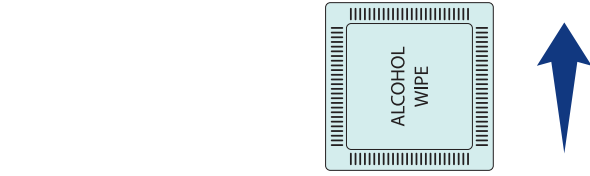
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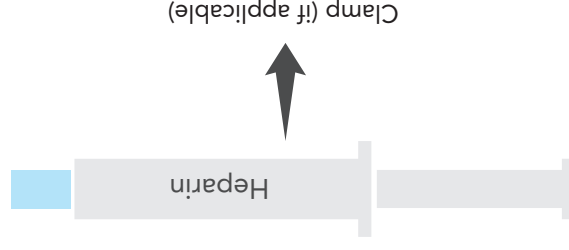
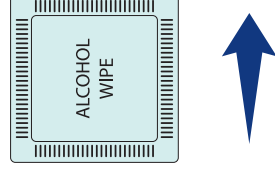
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Administration
of Medicine



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Heparin
(if ordered)



REMEMBER TO

- Use a new alcohol wipe for each step and scrub for at least 30 seconds.
- Clean your hands thoroughly using antibacterial soap and warm water. If no soap and water is available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- If required, remove medication from refrigerator prior to use. Refer to medication label for required time.