

Patient Name: _____

In Home Infusion Therapy Safety Guide

Remember that your Infusion Device leads towards your heart and is designed for Long Term use

Keep it Safe:

- Know the name, dose, and frequency of your medication
- Check each delivery for your correct name, the medicine correct name and dose
- Do not administer anything that is expired
- Your medication should not go in faster than the rate taught to you
- Never use scissors or nail polish remover near your infusion device, dressing, or tubing
- IV tubing can tangle, strangle, or cause you to fall. Make sure to secure it.

Keep it Germ Free:

- All IV supplies should be kept off the floor and covered
- All IV supplies should be away from open windows, children, and pets

Protect your loved ones:

- All sharp disposal containers should be closed when not in use and out of reach
- Do not over fill your sharps disposal container, ask for another one when it is about $\frac{3}{4}$ full

Call your Nurse:

- If you have any pain, aching, or discomfort during your infusion
- If you had to unexpectedly use an extra medication bag for whatever reason
- If you missed, skipped, or gave your medicine late; this may impact your lab test results.
- If your dressing falls off or becomes wet
- If your injection cap falls off
- If you have any signs of infection: redness, drainage, or temperature above 100.4 °F.
Remember to check your temperature every day at about the same time

Immediately STOP Your MEDICATION and CALL 911 if you have
difficulty breathing, swelling tongue, or throat closing
hives, seizure activity, sudden chest pain, vomiting or fainting

A Nurse is available to answer any IV related concerns at
If at any time you have trouble CALL 631-828-7400 or the number circled on your folder

Notes: _____

References

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In Home Infusion Therapy Safety Guide - TROUBLESHOOT

What problems may happen?	What to do you do for these problems?
You forget your steps	Call the nurse: 631-828-7400 or number circled on your folder.
Your medicine won't run	Make sure clamps are open 1 st then call nurse
Your medicine is running too slowly	Call the nurse: 631-828-7400 or number circled on your folder
Bleeding at the insertion site	Apply pressure and call the nurse
Fluid Leaks when you flush or give IV medication	Call the nurse: 631-828-7400 or number circled on your folder
Pain or Burning anywhere in your arm, neck, check	Stop Infusion and call nurse: 631-828-7400 or number circled on your folder
Any PIECE of your catheter BREAKS OFF	Cover and apply pressure Call the nurse or Go to the Emergency Room
If it sounds like rushing water running past your ear	Stop infusion and Call nurse: 631-828-7400 or number circled on your folder

Risks for infection	Things you can do to help reduce the risk of developing an infection
Dirty Hands	Wash your hands before touching IV, site, or supplies
Open Supply Box	Keep supplies covered and Off the floor
Pets	Keep pets away from supplies and out of room when you are preparing your infusion
Infusion device is not covered properly by your dressing	Secure the edges with a piece of tape. Call nurse to replace the dressing
Wet Dressing	Protect with plastic wrap when bathing; call nurse if becomes wet
You contaminated the sterile parts	If you have contaminated a sterile item such as the tubing spike, then discard it and get a new one
Catheter Cap is Missing	Check frequently to make sure your cap is on. If you are missing a cap, wash your hands and cleanse off the open end of the tubing with and alcohol prep pad and apply a new cap. You must call the nurse at that time. When administering your medication, make sure to hold your cap in one hand before removing your IV tubing or flush syringe.

If a Saline Lock is placed and you need to remove it	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wash your hands 2. Get a dry gauze or small adhesive 3. Carefully remove the transparent dressing and all tape 4. Grasp the hub of the cannula and gently pull back in its entirety 5. Apply Pressure at the site with the gauze instantly and firmly do not rub and hold until the bleeding stops
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