

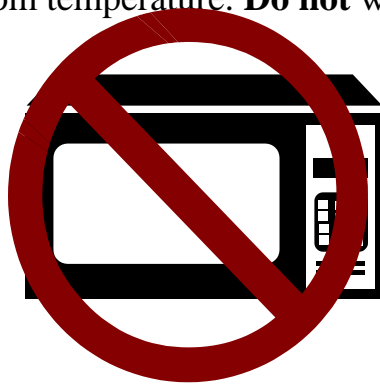


How to give your medication using a gravity infusion method.

1. Wash your hands.



2. Take your medication out of the refrigerator (if applicable) at **least one (1) hour** before hook-up to warm it to room temperature. **Do not** warm the medication bag under hot water or in the microwave.



3. Carefully check the label on the solution bag or bottle for the following before using:
 - a. Your name.
 - b. Name of medication prescribed by physician.
 - c. Expiration date.
 - d. Directions for use.



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For Parenteral use only

John Q. Smith Dr Moe, Larry, Cheese
Rx # 99999 Date 12/25/05

Antibiotic 1 gram IV q 12 hrs Qty: 7

Directions:

Administer Antibiotic daily using Gravity tubing. At a rate of 125ml/hr

Flush before and after each dose using SASH method

Storage: Keep Refrigerated remove from refrigerator

1 hour before use.

Discard after: 1/25/05 RPh JLC

Federal law prohibits dispensing without a

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4. Carefully inspect all bags, bottles, and do not use if:
 - a. Leaks or cracks are present.
 - b. Protective caps are missing.
 - c. Solution appears cloudy or has floating particles.
 - d. Label is torn or missing.

5. Prepare a clean workspace by wiping it with alcohol or other anti-germ cleaner.



6. Wash your hands again.



7. Gather your supplies:

Tubing



Alcohol wipes



_____ Wipes

Pre-filled Syringes for flushing



_____ Saline

_____ Heparin

Medication



IV pole

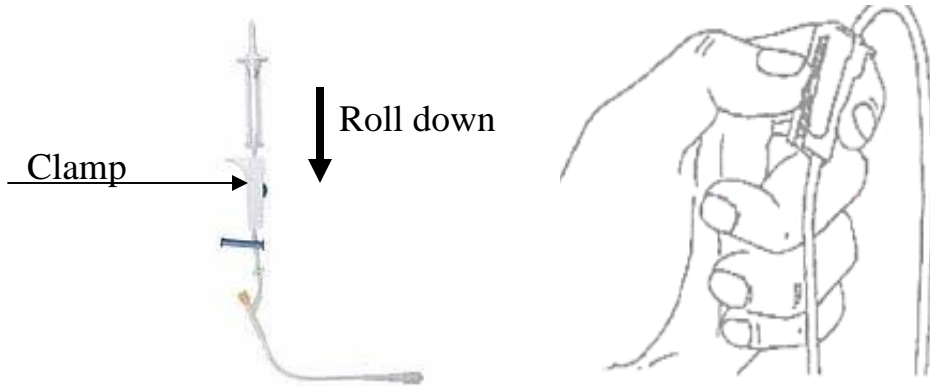


8. Wash your hands again.

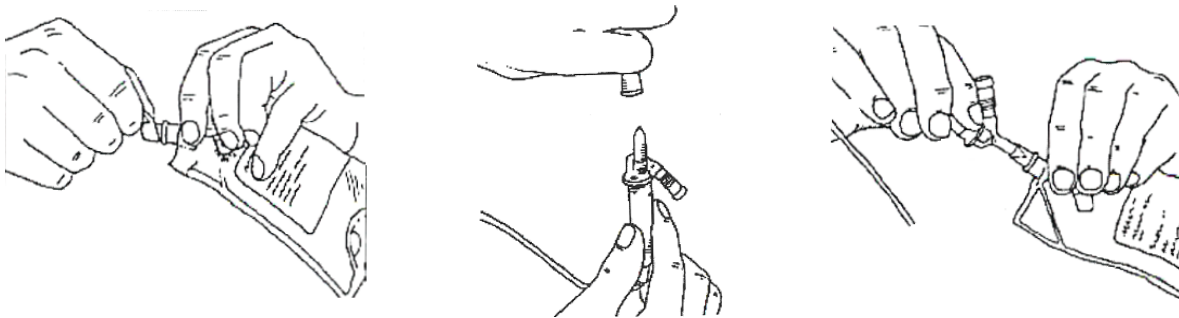


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9. Close clamp on the IV tubing.



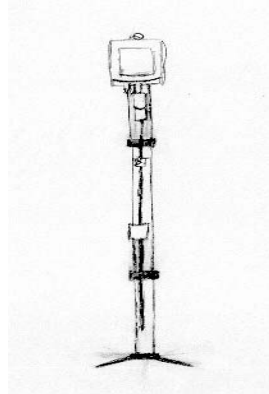
10. Spike the bag with tubing. Remove the protective tab from the IV bag and the IV tubing. Carefully insert the spiked end of the tubing into the nipple on the bottom of the bag where you removed the protective tab. be careful not to touch the ends against anything especially your hands. Push and twist back and forth till the spike is seated in the nipple.



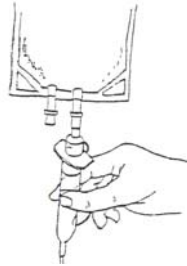
11. If you puncture the bag and it's leaking please throw it away and start over. Please call your patient care representative or pharmacist so they can send you another dose with your next delivery.

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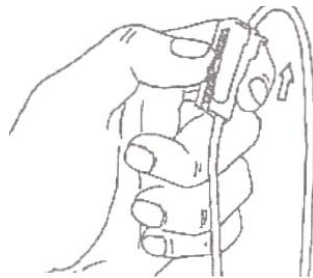
12. Hang the bag on the IV pole.



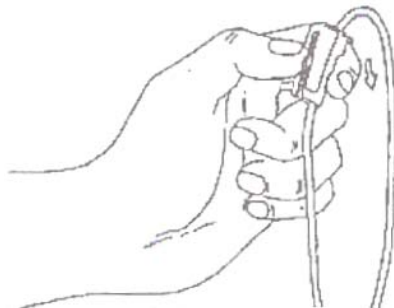
13. Gently squeeze the drip chamber until it is one third full.



14. Open the clamp and slowly let the fluid fill the IV tubing so that all the air is replaced by fluid.

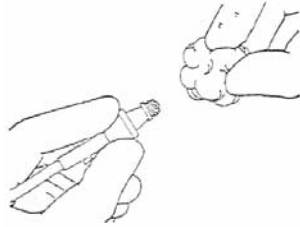


15. Close the IV tubing clamp.

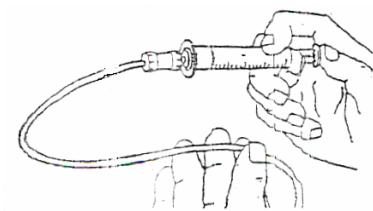


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16. Wipe the injection cap with alcohol swab on your IV line.

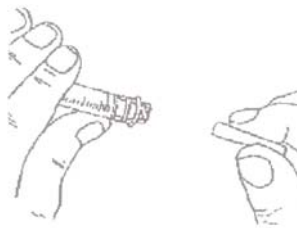


17. Attach a saline syringe to the injection cap and slowly inject saline as you have been instructed.

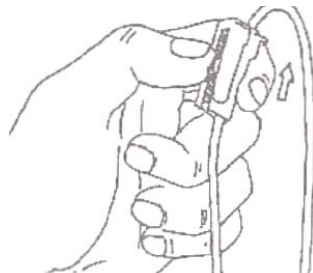


18. Detach syringe from the injection cap.

19. Remove the cover from the end of the IV tubing and connect the tubing to injection cap on the end of your catheter.

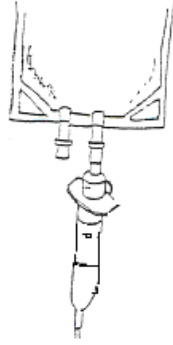


20. Open the IV tubing clamp and adjust the roller clamp to the rate that was ordered (_____ cc/hr). This number indicates the approximate amount of fluid that will infuse in one hour.

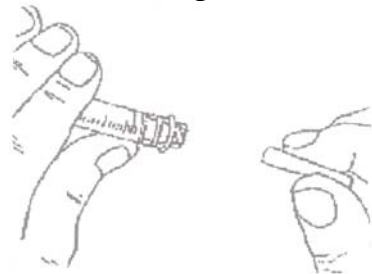
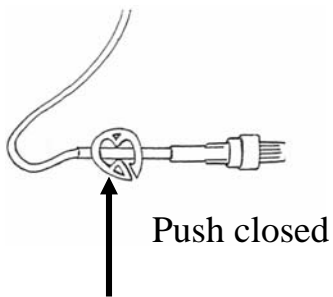


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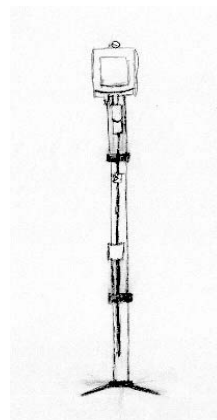
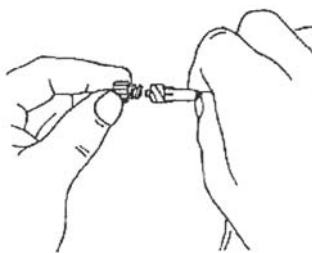
21. Since changes in position can affect the flow rate, check the rate occasionally. If the fluid is running in too slow or fast adjust the roller clamp slowly.



23. When the infusion is complete, close clamps remove the tubing from the injection cap.



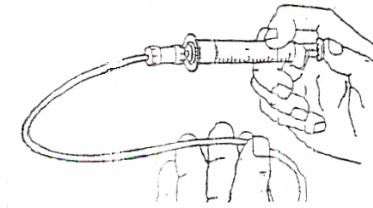
24. Carefully drape the IV tubing over the IV pole and cap with white tubing cap if you will be reusing the tubing for another dose.



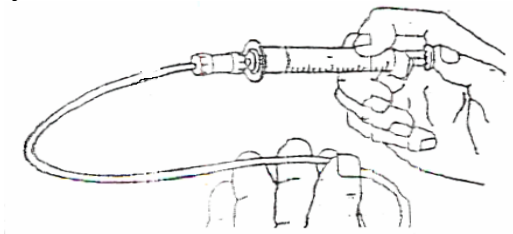
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25. Attach a saline syringe to the injection cap and slowly inject saline as you have been instructed. Detach syringe from the injection cap. Clamp your line.

Flush it with _____ ml Saline.



26. Then repeat the same for heparin if indicated. Attach a heparin syringe to the injection cap and slowly inject heparin as you have been instructed. Detach syringe from the injection cap. Flush your line with _____ unit/ml _____ ml of heparin.



28. Throw away the empty bag, tubing and syringes in the regular trash.



Congratulations!

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Helpful hints

IV tubing will be changed every 24 hours.

Remember the word SASH:

S = Saline flush

A = Administer (give) TPN over the number of hours ordered

S = Saline flush after the TPN has infused

H = Heparin flush

Always remember if nothing is running through your line clamp it !!!!

The Spike is **STERILE**. It **CAN NOT** touch any non sterile surface, including your work area and your hands.

