



1. Gather supplies in clean, well-lit area:

- Medication container with tubing attached
- 2 Normal Saline syringes
- 1 Heparin syringe
- Alcohol wipes

2. Check **medication label** for correct patient name, medication and expiration date.

3. **Wash hands**

4. Flush IV catheter with Normal **Saline**:

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- Remove syringe from wrapper
- Hold syringe upright and push on plunger to break seal
- Remove protective cover from syringe
- Do not contaminate tip
- Hold syringe upright and gently push on plunger to expel air
- Scrub IV end cap with an alcohol wipe for 15 seconds
- Push and screw syringe into IV end cap
- Gently flush solution through IV catheter
- Remove syringe from IV end cap and discard

5. **Administer medication**:

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- Remove protective cover from medication bulb tubing
- Do not contaminate tip
- Scrub IV end cap with alcohol wipe
- Push and screw medication tubing into IV end cap
- Open clamp** on medication tubing
- Medication will infuse over _____ minutes
- Infusion is complete when medication balloon is completely collapsed around center bar
- Close clamp on medication tubing
- Unscrew tubing from IV end cap and discard

5. Flush IV catheter with Normal **S**aline:

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- Remove syringe from wrapper
- Hold syringe upright and push on plunger to break seal
- Remove protective cover from syringe
- Do not contaminate tip
- Hold syringe upright and gently push on plunger to expel air
- Scrub IV end cap with an alcohol wipe for 15 seconds
- Push and screw syringe into IV end cap
- Gently flush solution through IV catheter
- Remove syringe from IV end cap and discard

6. Flush IV catheter with **H**eparin:

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- Remove syringe from wrapper
- Hold syringe upright and push on plunger to break seal
- Remove protective cover from syringe
- Do not contaminate tip
- Hold syringe upright and gently push on plunger to expel air
- Scrub IV end cap with an alcohol wipe for 15 seconds
- Push and screw syringe into IV end cap
- Gently flush solution through IV catheter
- Remove syringe from IV end cap and discard

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Remember: once you scrub the IV end cap, be sure that this remains sterile until you enter the cap with flush syringe or medication tubing.

If you have an additional lumen (tail) on your IV catheter, flush this lumen daily with 3 mls of heparin.

Check your IV site and temperature daily. If IV dressing is not intact or if you develop a fever, call your home care nurse.

Medication should be stored in the refrigerator.

Remove medication several hours before dose is due. If medication is cold, it may take longer to infuse.