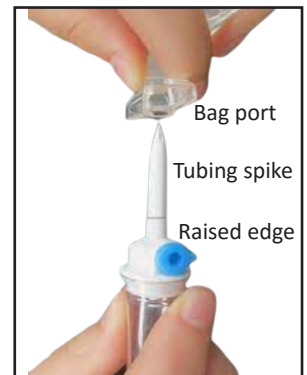


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Preparation

1. Inspect your medication bag prior to using. If you notice any leaking, discoloration, or particles in the solution, do not use. Call your pharmacy for instructions.
2. Review your name, medication name, and medication dose, are correct and expiration date or use by date have not passed.
3. Remove the tubing administration set from package.
4. Turn the dial so the arrow lines up with OFF.
5. Remove the port protector tab from the medication bag.
6. Remove the protective cover from the tubing spike. Take care not to touch the uncovered spike with your hands or to any other surfaces.
7. Insert the tubing spike at a 90° angle into the bag port using a pushing with back-and-forth twisting motion. Ensure the spike is inserted into the bag port up to the raised edge.
8. Hang the medication bag on the IV pole and set the pole to the highest position.
9. Squeeze the drip chamber of the tubing administration set until it is at least half full.
10. Turn the tubing dial from the OFF position to the OPEN position and allow fluid to fill the entire tubing. This is called “priming” the tubing. During priming keep the tubing dial in your hand and don’t let the end of the tubing touch any surfaces.
11. When the fluid reaches the end of the tubing turn the dial back to the OFF position.

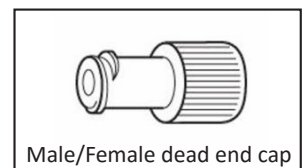


Starting your Infusion

1. Scrub the needle-free connector using an alcohol pad for at least 15 seconds and allow it to air dry.
2. Unclamp your catheter (if clamp present).
3. Flush your needle-free connector using a saline flush in the amount ordered.
NOTE: If you have any trouble flushing your line or if you experience pain, STOP, do not continue. Call your nurse or pharmacy for instructions.
4. Attach the primed tubing to your needle-free connector.
5. Turn the tubing administration set dial to the prescribed rate (mL/hour) indicated on your prescription label.
6. Confirm all clamps are in the open position, the tubing administration set is free of kinks, and the medication is dripping.

Completing your Infusion

1. When the drip chamber is empty, OR when the timing of your infusion has ended, close the dial by turning to the OFF position.
2. Disconnect the tubing administration set from your needle-free connector.
Note: If you are receiving your medication more than once per day, place a male/female dead end cap on the end of the tubing to keep it sterile. Each tubing can be used for 24 hours.
3. Scrub the needle-free connector using an alcohol pad for at least 15 seconds and allow it to air dry.
4. Flush your catheter using a saline flush in the amount ordered.
5. Again, scrub the needle-free connector using an alcohol pad for at least 15 seconds and allow it to air dry.
6. Flush your catheter using a heparin flush (if ordered) in the amount ordered.
7. Clamp your catheter (if clamp present) after flushes are complete.
8. Throw away the medication bag into the trash unless otherwise instructed.



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Infusion Troubleshooting

If the medication is not infusing, review the below steps:

1. Check clamp on the IV tubing and ensure it is in an open position. Check clamp on your IV extension tubing to ensure it is open.
2. Check that there are no kinks in the tubing. If a kink is present massage it between your finger and thumb.
3. Check that the IV pole is set at the highest position.
4. Check that the tubing dial is not in the OFF position.
5. Check that the Male/Female dead end cap has been removed and the tubing is fully connected to the needle-free connector.

If the medication is still not infusing:

1. Clamp the tubing, disconnect the tubing from the needle-free connector, and attach a Male/Female dead end cap.
2. Scrub the needle-free connector using an alcohol pad for at least 15 seconds and allow it to air dry.
3. Flush the needle-free connector using a saline flush. If you have any trouble flushing your catheter or if you experience pain, STOP, do not continue. Call you nurse or pharmacy for instructions.
4. If the flush passes through the needle-free connector easily, scrub the needle-free connector using an alcohol pad for at least 15 seconds and allow it to air dry. Remove the Male/Female dead end cap and reconnect the tubing.
5. For any further problems, call your nurse or the pharmacy for instructions.

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