

IV Push Patient Teaching Guide

Preparation

1. Inspect your medication prior to using. If you notice any leaking, cracks, 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.

Administering your Medication

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. Remove the protective cap from the end of the medication syringe. Do not touch the tip of the uncapped syringe with your fingers or let it touch any surfaces.
5. Gently tap the syringe to move any air bubbles to the tip.
6. Pull back on the plunger slightly to loosen any air seal.
7. Push down on the plunger to expel any air.
8. Attach to the needle-free connector using a twisting and pushing motion in a clockwise direction until secure.
9. Administer your medication by pushing down on the plunger over the number of minutes instructed on the label.



Completing your Infusion

1. Disconnect the empty syringe from your needle-free connector.
2. Scrub the needle-free connector using an alcohol pad for at least 15 seconds and allow it to air dry.
3. Flush your catheter using a saline flush in the amount ordered.
4. Again, scrub the needle-free connector using an alcohol pad for at least 15 seconds and allow it to air dry.
5. Flush catheter using a heparin flush (if ordered) in the amount ordered.
6. Clamp your catheter (if clamp present) after flushes are complete.
7. Throw away the syringe into the trash unless otherwise instructed.