

DIAL-A-FLOW ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURE

SUPPLIES:

- IV medication bag (remove from refrigerator 4-6 hrs. before infusing)
- Tubing (**change every M-W-F**)
- (2) Sodium Chloride pre-filled syringes
- (1) Heparin pre-filled syringe (if indicated)
- (1) Light blue protective cap
- Alcohol wipes

PROCEDURE:

1. Gather equipment. Clean work area. Wash hands.
2. Prepare your flushes as instructed by your nurse.
3. Remove Dial-a-flow tubing from package and turn dial to “OFF” position.
4. Remove protective tab from entry port to medication bag.
5. Remove cover from spike on tubing and insert spike into medication bag using a pushing-twisting motion. **DO NOT TOUCH SPIKE.**
6. Hang medication bag on IV pole. Squeeze drip chamber, filling chamber ½ full.
7. Prime the entire length of the tubing by slowly turning the dial to “OPEN” position. When a droplet of fluid is noted at the end of the tubing, turn dial to “OFF” position.
8. Clean the injection cap on the end of your catheter with alcohol wipe vigorously for 15 seconds.
9. Flush your catheter with Sodium Chloride as instructed by your nurse.
10. Clean the injection cap on the end of your catheter with new alcohol wipe vigorously for 15 seconds.
11. Attach the Dial-a-flow tubing to the end of the injection cap.
12. Turn the dial to begin the infusion. Adjust the dial to the setting instructed by your nurse.

When the infusion is completed:

1. When the medication bag is empty, turn dial to “OFF” position and disconnect tubing from injection cap.
2. Keeping the end of the tubing sterile, place a light blue protective cap on the end of the tubing.

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NOTE: You will reuse the same tubing for more than one infusion. The tubing is to be changed every M-W-F.

3. Clean the injection cap on the end of your catheter with alcohol.
4. Flush your catheter with Sodium Chloride as instructed by your nurse.
5. Clean the injection cap on the end of your catheter with a new alcohol wipe.
6. If indicated flush your catheter with Heparin as instructed by your nurse.

SASH PROCEDURE:

- S** Sodium Chloride _____ mls.
A Administer medication over _____ minutes (_____ drops per minute)
S Sodium Chloride _____ mls.
H Heparin _____ mls.