

BAXTER INFUSOR

INSTRUCTION SHEET

Giving an antibiotic via PICC LINE (SINGLE LUMEN)

SURNAME: _____ NHI: _____
FIRST NAMES: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: ____ / ____ / ____ SEX: _____
<small>Please attach patient label here</small>

ANTIBIOTIC: FREQUENCY:

DOSE: MEDICATION TIME:

1. Wash your hands **very well** – ensure that they are dry. **Prepare a clean workspace.**
2. **ASSEMBLE EVERYTHING YOU NEED:**
 - Prescription, scissors, tape, hand sanitizer, rubbish bag
 - 2x 10ml PosiFlush syringes (prefilled saline syringes)
 - 2 alcohol swabs
 - New infusor bottle
3. Take new Infusor out of packaging and remove paper securing tubing – ready to reconnect:
 - **Check the Infusor Antibiotic Name & Dose match the prescription and check the expiry date**
4. **Remove** all tape that is securing the infusor tubing to your body (ie: arm), ready for disconnection
5. **Sanitize hands – allow to dry**
6. **Disconnect used infusor** (turn clockwise) and remove from pouch. Discard in rubbish
7. Place new infusor in pouch with markings up (easy to see) and thread tubing up under clothing and down arm, ready to reconnect
8. **Prepare PosiFlush** syringes. **Ensure all air is removed.** Place syringes **carefully** onto clean work surface **ensure open end does not touch anything**
9. **Sanitize hands – allow to dry**
10. **Scrub the hub (15 secs)** of your PICC line with an alcohol swab, then **allow to dry.** You may have more than one lumen connected to your PICC line. If this is the case, please use the () line. Please leave the other lines for your District Nurse to flush weekly.
11. **Flush PICC line** by attaching the first 10ml **PosiFlush** syringe (containing 10mls of saline) to line:
 - Draw back syringe until blood is visible in the PICC line.
 - Then, using a **steady push-pause technique**, flush the line. Remove syringe.
 - **Repeat** with second 10ml **PosiFlush** syringe. Remove syringe ensuring that 1ml is left in posiflush before disconnecting.
12. Remove BLUE protective cap off new infusor bottle. Watch for bubble of fluid to appear. **Attach the tubing to your PICC line.** This helps to regulate the infusion.
13. Tape the white connector to your skin and tubing on arm – to prevent it from kinking
14. Cover arm with bandage that your District Nurse has provided for you.

WELL DONE!

Dispose of all waste (including infusor) in a rubbish bag, tie top and place in your normal rubbish. The dressing over the PICC line is usually changed every 7 days. Your District Nurse will be in contact to arrange a time for this.

You will be required to pick up your elastomeric infusors from the Hospital pharmacy. Your District Nurse will give you instructions for this. However, if this is not possible, please contact the District Nursing service.