

Adding Medications to an Elastomeric Device



Follow these Steps to Draw Up Medications or Vitamins

Three Components for Adding Medications:

1. Practice good hand-washing
2. Prepare supplies
3. Add Medication

Medication(s) to add: _____

Home Infusion Nurse (name, #): _____

Home Infusion Pharmacist (name, #): _____

STEP 1: PRACTICE GOOD HAND-WASHING.

Always remember to **WASH YOUR HANDS** for a full 20 seconds when instructed. Soap and water are always best. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer is ok.

- Remember, if using gloves, you must still wash your hands when instructed.

Prepare supplies. Clean Workspace. **WASH HANDS.** Check your Medication. **WASH HANDS.**

Gather & arrange supplies. **WASH HANDS.** Prepare the pump.

STEP 2: PREPARE SUPPLIES

- Note the time you are supposed to add the medication to the medication ball.
- Note how long your medication should be left at room temperature: _____
- Remove your medication from the fridge if refrigerated.
 - Compare your medication with your orders to make sure they are correct.
- Locate a clean dry work space. Clean your workspace and SAS or SASH mat if provided with cleaning solution. **WASH YOUR HANDS.**
- Gather the syringe with medication, medication ball or eclipse ball, and alcohol pad and place on your workspace. Do not put this on top of your SAS or SASH mat yet. **WASH YOUR HANDS.**
- Arrange your alcohol pads, medication syringe and medication bag with attached tubing above your SAS or SASH mat in their respective location.

Step 3: Add medication

- Unwrap an alcohol pad and place it on the SASH mat on the “A” part of the SASH mat.
- Remove the cap from the ball. Place the cap on the alcohol pad flat side down. Underneath the cap is the port. Place an alcohol pad underneath the port. Do not let the cap or port touch anything.
- Twist the cap off of the medication syringe. Place the cap flat side down on the SAS/SASH mat.
- Remove air bubbles. Scrub the hub of the port. Twist the tip of the syringe clockwise onto the port on the ball until it holds. Push the plunger on the syringe all the way in to inject the medicine into the ball. Twist the syringe counterclockwise to remove it from the ball.
- Twist the cap onto the port. Follow the instructions about how to connect the medicine ball to your IV.

