



Inotrope Bag Change

Four Components for Performing Infusions:

1- Practice good hand-washing 2- Prepare supplies 3- Disconnect old bag 4- Connect & start new bag

STEP 1: PRACTICE GOOD HAND-WASHING

- Always remember to **WASH YOUR HANDS** for a full 20 seconds.

STEP 2: PREPARE SUPPLIES

- Determine what medications are needed and remove your medication from the refrigerator. Check your orders and the medication for your name, the medication name, the medication dose, and the expiration date. **WASH HANDS.**
- Clean workspace & SAS/SASH mat with cleaning solution and paper towels, alcohol wipes, or sanitizing wipes. **WASH HANDS.**
- Gather the following supplies and arrange above your SAS/SASH mat: 4-5 alcohol pads; 1 prefilled saline syringe; medication bag and IV tubing; 1 electronic pump; 1 carrier pouch, trash bag, sharps container.
- WASH HANDS.** Unwrap supplies (syringes, medication bag, IV tubing) & place in the correct location on top of SAS/SASH mat.
- Inspect the medication bag for leaks, damage or discoloration. **WASH HANDS.**
- Prepare the new bag of medication by removing any paper tabs. Remove the old bag of medication and pump from the carrying case.

STEP 3: DISCONNECT OLD BAG

- Remove the pump and empty medication bag from the carrying pouch. Stop the infusion and turn the pump off.
- Close the clamp on the tubing and disconnect the tubing from your IV line.
- Pull the arm of the latch down on the side of the pump. Remove the tubing cassette from the pump and discard the tubing cassette and bag in the trash.
- WASH HANDS.**

STEP 4: CONNECT & START NEW BAG

- Load the tubing cassette to the pump. Open the slide clamp on the medication tubing. Turn the pump on. Ensure settings match your orders.
- Scrub the hub with an alcohol pad. Connect your pump tubing to the hub of your IV line using a “push and twist” motion.
- Start the infusion as prompted on the pump screen. Place the pump and tubing back into the carrying pouch. Throw away the trash. **WASH HANDS.**
- Remove bubbles from the saline syringe. Scrub the hub of the unused lumen. Flush the unused lumen. **WASH HANDS.**

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