Landmark Infusion

INOTROPE ADMINISTRATION

GETTING STARTED
- Remove medication bag from refrigerator 2-3 hours prior to use to ensure it is at room temperature. NEVER speed the warming process by heating the medication bag.
- Use a clean work area.
- Clean your hands thoroughly.

GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES
- Medication bag (will be spiked but not primed)
- Alcohol Wipes
- Trash container
- If you have two IV lumens, you will also need
  - Saline syringe (white cap)
  - Heparin syringe (yellow or blue cap)
  - Orange swab cap

INSPECT THE MEDICATION BAG
- Check label on medication bag.
- Verify Correct name of patient, correct medication.
- Review discard date of medication.
- Medication bag should be free of cracks or leaks. Call pharmacy for problems with medication bag or incorrect label information.
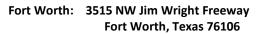
PREPARE FOR INFUSION
- Prepare Curlin Pump
  - Replace the batteries daily.
  - Load medication tubing into the pump. Follow the yellow and blue markings on pump and on tubing to place it in correctly. Ensure pump lid is flush with the pump when closed.

PRIME YOUR IV TUBING
- Turn pump on.
- Press "YES" on program.
- Press "YES" on repeat Rx.
- Pump will automatically scroll through patient's program and then a screen will appear with an option to prime the tube.
- Be sure the PATIENT IS **NOT** CONNECTED to the tubing and release the slide clamp on the tubing.
- Press the "PRIME" button on the bottom righthand corner of the pump.

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- Hold the "PRIME" button until fluid drips out of the end of the tubing and there are no large air bubbles left in the tubing.
- Press "YES" to exit.

INFUSE MEDICATION

- Scrub the needleless connector on your IV catheter with an alcohol wipe for at least 15 seconds and allow to air dry.
- Remove the protective cap from the medication tubing.
- Attach the medication tubing firmly to the needleless connector on your IV catheter using a push and clockwise twisting motion until secured together.
- Press "RUN/PAUSE" when prompted to RUN to START. The green light will flash when running.
- The pump will beep when the medication is finished infusing after 24 hours. Remove the old bag and tubing from the pump and discard. Repeat above steps to connect new medication bag and tubing.
- If an error code appears, ensure all clamps are open and tubing is properly placed into pump. Please call the 24/7 pharmacy hotline if error does not resolve.
  *You should **NOT** flush medication IV port with saline OR heparin at any time. Your medication is continuous so should be running 24/7.*

IF YOU HAVE TWO PORTS ON YOUR IV CATHETER...

- You will need to flush the **UNUSED** IV catheter with saline and heparin each day.
- Flush with saline.
  - If applicable, release the clamp on your IV catheter and/or extension.
  - Remove alcohol cap from the end of your IV catheter.
  - Scrub the needleless connector on your IV catheter with an alcohol wipe for at least 15 seconds and allow to air dry.
  - Remove the protective cap from the saline flush syringe. DO NOT touch the syringe tip after removing the cap. Push out air and few drops of excess solution by holding syringe with the tip facing the ceiling and pushing the plunger up.

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- o Attach the saline flush syringe to the needleless connector on your IV catheter using a push and clockwise twisting motion until secured together.
- o Flush your IV catheter using a "push/pause" method.
- o Remove and discard the saline flush syringe in a trash container.
- o IF resistance is met when trying to flush, verify clamp is open. IF resistance is still met, call your nurse.
- Flush line with heparin.
  - o Follow steps from above starting at the third bullet point, using heparin rather than saline.
- Attach orange Swab cap.
- Close the clamp on your IV catheter and/or extension if indicated.

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