

INFUSING INTO A PERIPHERAL VEIN



STEP 1

Find a vein that is smooth, straight and easy to feel. (The vein may not be easily seen but can be felt). Making a fist and releasing it may help make the vein more obvious.



STEP 2

Apply the tourniquet 7-15 cm (3-6") above the chosen needle site. It should not be too tight.



STEP 3

Clean the skin over the selected site with an alcohol swab using a firm upward stroke. Let it dry



STEP 4

Hold the wings of the butterfly needle together, and remove the plastic protective cap. Make sure that the bevel (the open part) is up.



STEP 5

Remove protective cover from butterfly needle.

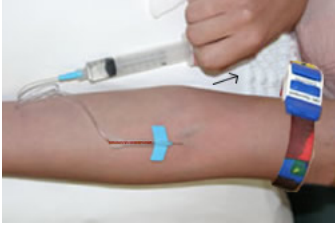


STEP 6

Puncture through the skin with one quick movement at a 45° angle.

STEP 7

Once through the skin, angle the needle to about 15-20° and slide it into the vein—you should feel a “give” or a “pop”. Blood should be seen in the tubing. **The needle does not need to be pushed to the wings.** Secure butterfly with tape (optional).



STEP 8

Check that the needle is in a good position by gently pulling back on the plunger of the syringe; if blood comes back into the tubing you are ready to begin infusing.



STEP 9

Release tourniquet.



STEP 10

With your thumb on the end of the plunger, **slowly** push in the mixed factor solution. (No faster than 2ml/minute).



STEP 11

When the factor treatment is finished, remove the butterfly needle and apply pressure with a dry gauze or cotton ball for **a minimum** of 2 minutes.



STEP 12

Put on a bandage

STEP 13

Put all the needles into the sharps container. Bottles and syringes can go in the household garbage.

STEP 14

Observe for signs of allergic reaction and complete the Infusion Diary.