

INFUSING INTO A PORT-A-CATH®

STEP 1

Look at the skin over the PORT. See [TROUBLESHOOTING #1](#) if the site is red or swollen **DO NOT** proceed.

STEP 1B

If using EMLA cream, apply on the skin over the PORT and cover with plastic wrap & tape or a large Band-Aid 30 to 60 minutes before you are ready to infuse.

STEP 1C

Clean your work space (tray) with soap and allow to dry. Cover with a clean towel or waterproof pad.

STEP 1D

Gather supplies.

- Antibacterial soap in pump dispenser and paper towels
- Chlorhexadine 2%
- (2) alcohol swabs
- Sterile #22 Safe Step Huber Needle (0.5 or 0.75")
- Flolink valve
- (1) pre loaded syringe containing 10 ml Saline SP non-sterile
- (1) pre loaded syringe containing 10 ml Saline XP sterile
- (1) 10 cc Luer Lock syringe
- (1) Heparin-lock flush (100 units/ml)
- (1) Blunt Fill Needle
- (1 pair) sterile gloves
- (5) 5 cm x 5 cm sterile gauze
- Band-Aid
- Sharps container
- Trash container
- Syringe containing factor solution
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)
- Infusion Record (Paper or Electronic Device)



STEP 2

Wash hands, under nails, and forearms for **ONE MINUTE** using antibacterial soap from pump dispenser. Dry hands with paper towel and turn off the tap with that paper towel.

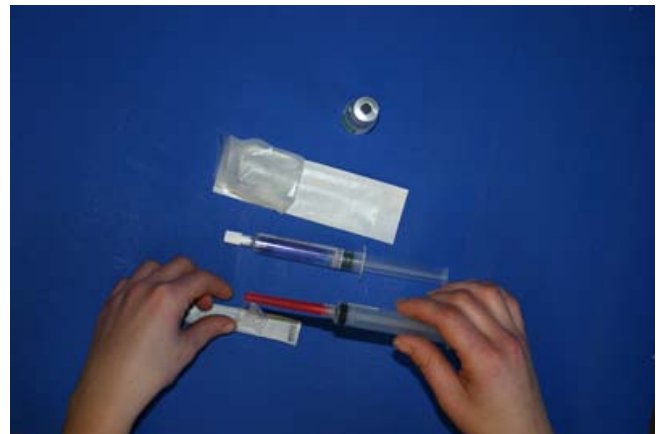
STEP 3

Use the clean technique to prepare one syringe of heparin-lock solution. Swab the bottle of heparin lock flush with an alcohol swab. Allow to air dry completely. **DO NOT** blow on the top to speed up drying, as this will contaminate it.



STEP 4

Attach Blunt Fill Needle to 10 cc syringe. First, open the package of the syringe, keeping the syringe tip in the package. Remove syringe from package and attach the Blunt Fill Needle.



STEP 5

Draw up 3.5 ml of air into the Blunt Fill Needle, take off the protective cover of the needle and insert it into the center of the bottle of heparin lock flush and inject the air. With the syringe plunger fully pushed in, turn the bottle and syringe upside down and pull back on the plunger to withdraw 3.5 ml. Recap the Blunt Fill Needle. Holding the syringe pointing up, tap on syringe to move the air bubbles to the top and then gently push on the plunger to remove the air to the 3 ml line.



STEP 6

Remove cap from pre loaded syringe containing 10 cc saline. Holding the syringe pointing up, tap on the syringe to move the air bubbles to the top and gently push on the plunger to remove the air. Replace cap by twisting in a clockwise direction.



STEP 7

Prepare a large, clean, dry area for opening the package of gloves. Open the inner glove wrapper, exposing the cuffed gloves with the palms up. Open the sterile glove package using the edges of the wrapper ensuring nothing touches the gloves or the glove wrapper



STEP 8

Open the packages of the following supplies and allow them to fall within the sterile field. Make sure that the supplies do not touch your hands or any other surface: (1) pre loaded syringe containing 10 ml Saline XP sterile, (1) Sterile #22 Safe Step Huber Needle, (1) Flolink valve and (5) 5x5 sterile gauze



STEP 9

Pick up the first glove by the cuff, touching only the inside portion of the cuff (the inside is the side that will be touching your skin when the glove is on). While holding the cuff in one hand, slip your other hand into the glove. (Pointing the fingers of the glove toward the floor will keep the fingers open.) Be careful not to touch anything, and hold the gloves above your waist level. **NOTE:** If the first glove is not fitted correctly, wait to make any adjustment until the second glove is on. Then use the sterile fingers of one glove to adjust the sterile portion of the other glove.

With gloved hand move (3) 5 cm X 5 cm sterile gauze in to position to facilitate moistening with Chlorhexadine 2% solution.



STEP 10

Moisten (3) 5cm X 5 cm sterile gauze with Chlorhexadine 2%. Leave (2) dry.



STEP 11

Pick up the second glove by sliding the fingers of the gloved hand under the cuff of the second glove. Be careful not to contaminate the gloved hand with the ungloved hand as the second glove is being put on. Put the second glove on the ungloved hand by maintaining a steady pull through the cuff. Adjust the glove fingers until the gloves fit comfortably.



STEP 12

Remove the protective covers from the ends of the Sterile #22 Safe Step Huber Needle and Flolink valve. Screw the Flolink valve onto the end of the tubing. Attach the pre loaded syringe containing 10 ml Saline XP sterile

Saline by pushing in to the Flolink valve and twisting away. Push on the plunger to flush the saline into the tubing, removing all the air. See [TROUBLESHOOTING #2](#) for problems flushing the tubing.



STEP 13

Position your child so that the dome of the PORT may be easily felt.



STEP 14

Using one gauze soaked in Chlorhexadine 2%, clean the skin over and around the PORT. Start in the centre with small circular motions that gradually get larger, moving outward to approximately 5 cm. Do not go back to where you have already cleaned with the same gauze.



STEP 15

With your dominant hand securely hold onto the Safe Step Huber Needle between your thumb and index finger. Remove the protective cover from the needle.

With your non-dominant hand, locate the port septum and triangulate port between your thumb and the first two fingers.



STEP 16

Insert Safe Step Huber Needle in at a 90° angle firmly through the skin and into the septum (middle) of the PORT until the needle touches the back of the device. See [TROUBLESHOOTING #3](#) if you are having problems inserting the needle. Change injection spots frequently to allow the skin to heal.



STEP 17

Pull back gently on the syringe, just until blood is seen to verify needle placement in the tubing. Using a push/stop motion inject the saline. See [TROUBLESHOOTING #4](#) if there is no blood return.



STEP 18

Remove the saline syringe, keep the Flolink valve in your non-dominant hand, and attach the syringe containing the factor solution. SLOWLY infuse the factor solution, 2 ml per minute.

**STEP 19**

Remove the factor solution syringe and attach the pre loaded syringe containing 10 ml Saline SP non-sterile). Inject slowly.

**STEP 20**

Remove the empty saline syringe and attach the syringe of heparin-lock flush. Flush with heparin using a steady push. Remove syringe.



STEP 21

Stabilize port by securely holding down base (disc) of Safe Step Huber Needle with index and middle fingers. Firmly pull the textured handle up until click is felt or heard.



STEP 22

Apply gentle pressure to the needle site with the remaining dry gauze for a full three minutes.



STEP 23

Cover the site with a bandage.

STEP 24

Place the Safe Step Huber Needle in the sharps container and all bottles and syringes into the garbage.

STEP 25

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