vitalcare INFUSION SERVICES

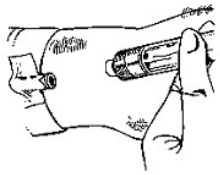
Administering an IV Push Medication

Introduction

Your infusion will be given by connecting a syringed filled with medication to your catheter. You will be taught to inject the medication over a certain amount of time.

Supplies

- Syringe of medication
- Saline and heparin syringes
- Alcohol wipes
- Watch with second hand or "seconds timer"
- Soap or alcohol-based gel for hand washing



Steps

1. Remove your medication from the refrigerator 1-2 hours before you need to infuse it. Allow to warm to room temperature.
2. Prepare a clean working area.
3. Assemble your supplies.
4. Wash your hands as taught by your home care nurse.
5. Disinfect the end of the needle-free access device on your catheter with the alcohol wipe.
6. Proceed with pre-injection flushing. (See "Patient Education: Flushing Your Catheter".)
7. Remove the protective cover from the end of the medication syringe.
8. Attach the syringe to the needle-free device by twisting clockwise.
9. Slowly inject the medication as taught by your home care nurse. Your injection should be given over _____ minute(s). Use a watch to time the injection.
10. Remove the injection syringe from the needle-free device.
11. Proceed with post-infusion flushing. (See "Patient Education: Flushing Your Catheter".)

Notes and Instructions

1. Never forcibly flush or inject any medication into your IV. If you have a hard time flushing or infusing your medication, stop and call your home health nurse for help.