Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin

Follow these instructions and those found in your subcutaneous infusion guide book with every infusion.

1. Wash your hands well using a liquid soap for at least 20 seconds. Be sure to wash all parts of your hands including the top and bottom, between fingers, and under fingernails. Use a paper towel to dry your hands. You may use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if your hands are not visibly dirty.

2. Prepare a clean work area: wipe the surface with a disinfecting wipe or soapy water.

3. Gather supplies and place them on your clean work area or on your clean instruction mat:
   - Medicine - check the medicine label to make sure the following are correct:
     ✓ Patient name and date of birth
     ✓ Medicine name, dose, and expiration date
     ✓ How often the medicine is given
     ✓ Hold the medicine up to the light and make sure it hasn’t changed color and that it doesn’t have any particles floating in it. If you see this, do not use the medicine and call Home+ Home Infusion at 755-1150.
   - Starter kit: instruction mat, infusion guide book, etc.
   - FREEDOM60® syringe pump and case
   - Flow rate tubing
   - Needle set tubing(s)
   - Vented spike(s)
   - 50 mL syringe(s)
   - Alcohol pads
   - Gloves
   - Sharps container
   - Band-Aids®
   - 2x2 gauze (optional)
   - Sterile caps (optional)
   - Tape (optional)
   - Journal or phone app (clean phone with alcohol wipes)

4. Turn the wind-up knob on the pump until the black tab is located at the end of its track at the top of the clear syringe shield. Make sure the ON/OFF dial is in the OFF position.

5. Wash your hands again and put on gloves.

6. Open tubing packages and place them on the mat or clean work surface.

7. Remove the cap from each vial and scrub each top with a new alcohol wipe.

8. Insert a vented spike into each vial.

9. Remove the 50 mL syringe from the package and loosen the plunger as directed.
10. Draw up the medicine into the syringe(s) as directed by your nurse and your written instructions. There is no need to add air to the vials when using vented spikes.

11. Remove the cap from the blue round disk on the flow rate tubing. Attach the tubing to the syringe tip by turning it to the right (clockwise) until it is tight. Be careful not to touch the sterile syringe tip or the sterile end of the tubing with your gloves.

12. Slightly loosen the cap on the end of the flow rate tubing (without removing it) and push the plunger to fill the tubing with the medicine.

13. Carefully remove the cap from the end of the flow rate tubing and remove the cap from the non-needle end of the needle set tubing. Attach these two ends together until tight.

14. Clamp the tubing to each needle, except one, leaving it open to be primed.

15. Prime the tubing with the medicine by pushing the syringe plunger slowly.

16. Stop pushing the plunger when the medicine is about two inches before the needle. Close the clamp where the medicine in the tubing ends. This is called “dry priming” and helps to prevent redness and swelling at the skin site.

17. Open the clamp on the next needle tubing. Repeat steps 14 - 16 until the tubing to each needle has been dry primed with the medicine.

18. Slide the syringe into the syringe pump. The numbers and lines on the syringe should face up so that you can easily see them. The tip of the syringe with the tubing disk attached fits into the pump’s “nose.”

19. Scrub the skin site with an alcohol wipe, let it air dry, do not touch the site.

20. Pick up the needle, remove rubber band and fold wings back. Remove needle cover.

21. Pinch the skin around the site and insert the needle into your skin as directed. Cover the needle wings with an adhesive dressing or tape.

22. Repeat for each skin site using a new alcohol wipe until all needles are inserted and secured.

23. Unclamp the tubing and turn the pump “ON” to begin the infusion. Remove gloves.

24. Record the infusion details in your journal or on the phone app and periodically observe infusion sites. Review EpiPen® information as needed.

25. If you need to change syringes, turn the pump off. Turn the wind-up knob several times and clamp the tubing. Attach tubing to new syringe. Insert syringe into the pump. Unclamp the tubing. Start the pump.

26. When the infusion is complete, turn the pump “OFF.” Turn the wind-up knob until the black tab is located at the end of its track at the top of the clear syringe shield.

27. Wash your hands and put on gloves.

28. Remove the needle(s) and pinch the wings closed to form a protective cover. Place a 2x2 gauze and/or Band-Aid® on your skin site(s).
29. Dispose of all tubing, medicine vials, and syringes per the nurse's instructions.
30. Clean the pump using a damp cloth with warm soapy water, several alcohol wipes or a disinfecting wipe. Let dry and place the pump in the pump case.
31. Clean your work surface and mat with a disinfecting wipe or warm soapy water.
32. Complete documentation by recording any skin site reactions, how you are feeling, etc.

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