

The Israeli Oncology Nursing Society

Guidelines for treatment with the infuser



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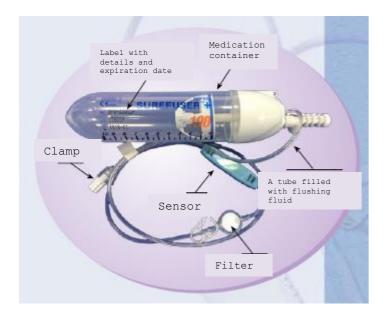
The information provided in this leaflet is intended to help you understand how to use the infuser at home. Treatment is performed using the infuser pump that connects to a central catheter - Port-A-Cath or Hickman. The instructions described in the leaflet do not replace professional medical advice.

What is an infuser?

The infuser pump is a mechanical pump that provides a constant flow rate over time. It includes a balloon containing the medication in the dosage and quantity prescribed by the physician. A filter, clamp and sensor are assembled on a tube connected to the pump. Use adhesive tape to attach the sensor to your body.

The infuser is supplied with a tube containing flushing fluid that protects from exposure to the medication reserved in the container.

Every infuser is marked with a label indicating the patient's details, medication name, and dosage expiration date.



Guidelines for taking a shower with the infuser

Take the infuser out of the pouch and wrap it in a plastic bag to prevent contact with water.

You can hang the covered infuser in a high place in the shower. Avoid wetting the dressing and the infusion system.

Do not swim in the sea or in a pool!

Dressing Catheter

Opaque/ transparent dressing - replace once a week, gauze dressing - replace every 48 hours Replace the dressing whenever it is wet, peeling or soaked with secretion.

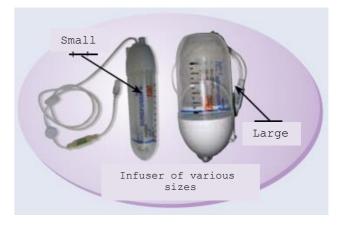
When should you contact the treating staff?

Pain or swelling in the catheter area - Stop drug administration immediately by closing both clamps

Rash, development of fever or chills - Stop drug administration immediately by closing both clamps

The infuser is not dripping or the balloon is not deflating -A change in balloon volume can usually be seen only after usually about 6 - 10 hours If there is no change in the medication amount over time, check the tubing and make sure that both clamps are open and that there is no kink in the tubing. If you cannot find the problem contact the treating staff.

The pump is disconnected from the catheter - Close the catheter clamps and the infuser clamps to prevent leakage.



Catheter maintenance after treatment is completed:

At the end of every treatment, and when the catheter is not in use, flush the catheter in a hospital or HMO setting

Port-A-Cath catheter should be flushed every 4 - 6 weeks.

Hickman/PICC line catheter - should be flushed every 7 days