

Gravity Infusion

Wash Hands:

With soap and water for at least 15 seconds (sing Happy Birthday) and dry with paper towels.

Preparing Equipment:

1. Hang IV medication bag on IV pole and remove protective cap/cover.
2. Open tubing package, unwind new IV tubing, **close the Roller-clamp**.
3. Remove protective cap from spiked end of tubing.
4. Push spiked end of tubing into IV bag using a twisting/pushing motion.
5. Squeeze and release the Drip-chamber until Drip-chamber is ½ full.
6. Prime tubing by opening the roller clamp until tubing is full and then close the Roller-clamp.

Infusing Medication:

1. Scrub the clave with an alcohol prep pad (approx. 10-15 seconds)
2. Flush IV catheter using **Saline** (see CNY Infusion Flushing Protocol)
3. Scrub the clave with an alcohol prep pad (approx. 10-15 seconds)
4. Connect IV tubing to the clave.
5. Open the Roller-clamp slowly until the desired number of drops as instructed by nurse is achieved. Refer to IV label for drip rate.

Completing Infusion:

When medication bag is empty:

1. Close the clamp and disconnect IV tubing from the clave.
2. Place a blue sterile cover at the end of IV tubing
3. Scrub the clave with an alcohol prep pad (approx. 10-15 seconds)
4. Flush IV catheter using **Saline** then **Heparin** (see CNY Infusion Flushing Protocol)
5. Leave the empty medication bag on IV pole with tubing attached until the next dose.