

# PATIENT EDUCATION

## Drawing Up Medications from a Vial (For TPN or Hydration Additives)

Properly administering your medication at home is important to your safety. In the event of an emergency, please call 911.

### **SUPPLIES:**

- Syringe with attached needle
- Vial of medication
- Alcohol/antiseptic wipes
- Sharps container

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Gather supplies. Clean work area. Wash hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds.
2. Check medication label for name, drug, frequency, and expiration. Inspect the medication vial for any cracks, leaks, particulate matter, and clarity of medication. Contact us for any discrepancies or concerns.
3. Remove the protective cap from the vial and wipe the top of vial vigorously for 30 seconds with an alcohol/antiseptic wipe.
4. Draw air, equal to the amount of medication to be withdrawn from the vial into the syringe by pulling back on the syringe plunger.
5. Carefully remove the needle cap from the syringe. **DO NOT TOUCH THE NEEDLE.**
6. Insert the needle into the center of the rubber stopper on the vial.
7. Invert the vial and inject the air from the syringe into the vial of medication. Gently pull back on the plunger of the syringe, allowing the medication to fill the syringe. Withdraw the desired amount of medication as specified on the prescription label.
8. Slowly withdraw the needle from the vial and carefully replace the protective cap over the needle, using the one handed scoop method as directed by your nurse.



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