



PATIENT I.D. DATA:
(name, DOC #, birthdate)

INFIRMARY/EOU INFLIXIMAB (REMICADE®) ADMINISTRATION ORDERS

Date: _____ Time: _____ Facility: _____

NURSING INSTRUCTIONS CHECK LIST

Check off each instruction when complete

***** MAKE SURE RED BAG IS AVAILABLE *****

- Pharmacy reconstitutes drug: Dosage and concentration of mixed drug was checked by pharmacy technician and verified by pharmacist **AND** nurse hanging the bag
- Nurse reconstitutes drug
 - Reconstitute each 100 mg vial of drug with 10 mL of sterile water for injection using a syringe and a 21 gauge (or larger) needle
 - Insert needle into the vial and direct the stream of sterile water to the glass wall
 - Gently swirl the solution by rotating the vial to dissolve the lyophilized powder. Avoid prolonged or vigorous agitation. **DO NOT SHAKE.**
 - Allow the reconstituted solution to stand for 5 minutes. Solution should be colorless to light yellow and opalescent (a few translucent particles may develop)
 - Do not use if opaque particles, discoloration or other foreign particles are present
 - Dosage and concentration of mixed drug must be checked by two nurses
 - Solution must be administered within 3 hours of reconstitution
- Dilute the reconstituted solution to 250 mL with NS as follows:
 - Withdraw 10 mL of NS from a 250 mL NS bag
 - Slowly add the total volume of previously reconstituted infliximab solution to the bag
 - Gently mix
 - Verify the infusion concentration is 0.4 mg/mL to 4 mg/mL
 - Solution must be administered within 3 hours of reconstitution
- Set up infusion
 - Use in-line, sterile, non-pyrogenic, low protein binding filter with ≤ 1.2 micron pore size
 - Use non-PVC tubing such as Nitroglycerine tubing with a polyethylene-lined filter
- Infuse
 - Do not infuse with any other medication
 - Flush line with 15mL NS before and after medication administration
 - Start infusion at 10mL/hour for the first 15 minutes
 - Increase infusion rate to 20 mL/hour for the next 15 minutes
 - Increase infusion rate to 40 mL/hour for the next 15 minutes
 - Increase infusion rate to 80 mL/hour for the next 15 minutes
 - Increase infusion rate to 150 mL/hour for the next 15 minutes
 - Increase infusion rate to 250 mL/hour for the last 30 minutes OR until the infusion is complete
 - Infuse over at least 2 hours
- Monitor during medication administration
 - Monitor and record vital signs and medication tolerance after EVERY rate increase
 - Monitor and record the presence or absence of any signs or symptoms of infusion related reactions: dyspnea, rash, pruritus, fever, chills, difficulty swallowing, chest pain, hypotension, hypertension, anaphylaxis (which can be life threatening)
 - Discontinue peripheral access after 30 minutes of post infusion observation
 - Observe for 30 minutes post infusion with a final set of recorded vital signs before discharge back to housing assignment
- PRN for hypersensitivity or infusion reaction required
 - Mild Moderate Severe
- Orders noted and completed _____

Nurse Signature and Stamp

Date

Time

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