

#41 Chemotherapy Port Deaccess

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Before you begin:

1. Wash hands thoroughly.
2. Clean your work area.
3. Gather the following supplies:
 - Gloves
 - Alcohol prep pads
 - 2 syringes of saline - (0.9% Sodium Chloride)
 - REMOVE AIR**

Remove air from syringe(s).

****Please see the last page of this teaching sheet if you need to review how to remove air from your syringe.**



1. When pump alarms “Infusion Complete” or “Empty Bag” :

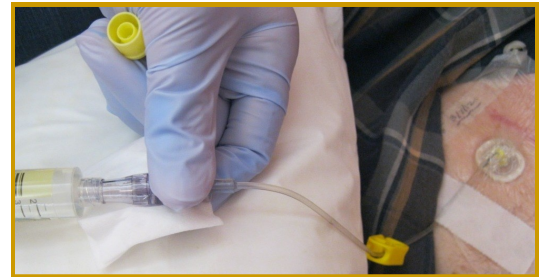
- a. Press RUN/ PAUSE key on the Curlin pump. Next press ON/OFF. Pump is now off.
- b. Put on gloves prior to disconnecting IV tubing. Scrub junction of valve and IV tubing with an alcohol prep pad. Unscrew IV tubing from valve.

DO NOT REMOVE VALVE ATTACHED TO CATHETER!



2. Flush the Catheter

- a. Have prepared saline syringes ready.
- b. **Scrub end of valve** attached to catheter with alcohol prep pad.
- c. Unscrew the white cap from the saline syringe and screw the syringe on the end of the valve. **Inject saline using a push/pause flush method.**
- d. Attach a second syringe of normal saline. Inject using push/pause flush method. Leave empty syringe attached.



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NEEDLE REMOVAL INSTRUCTIONS**

PORT NEEDLE AND DRESSING REMOVAL

INSTRUCTION SafeStep Huber Needle;

- a. Remove old dressing and any tape that might be on the needle.
- b. Place one finger on either side of the needle base, like a peace sign, securely hold the base down.
- c. With your other hand grasp the center of the port. It is a textured handle. Firmly pull straight up until you feel the needle stop. The needle will be locked in the safety position of the base.
- d. Lift the needle off of the skin. Discard the needle and dressing into the chemotainer.
- e. Observe skin for redness, drainage, and or swelling where needle entered the skin.
- f. Band-Aid/dressing may be applied if needed.

**Place empty chemo bag/ IV tubing into the yellow chemotainer.
Keep pump and pouch together, bring to next chemo infusion.**

Removing Air Bubble from Syringe

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To Remove Air Bubble From Syringe:

1. Remove syringe from wrapper.
2. Twist cap off syringe and place upright on table, being careful NOT to touch the tip of the syringe or the cap.
(If you touch the tip of the syringe or the cap, clean well with alcohol wipe)
3. While holding the syringe upright, pull down on the plunger of the syringe to break the air lock.
4. Now push the air in the syringe up and out until you see a bubble of fluid on the tip of the syringe.
5. Replace syringe cap.