

## Administration Guide

# Intravenous (IV) Push

## Before You Begin

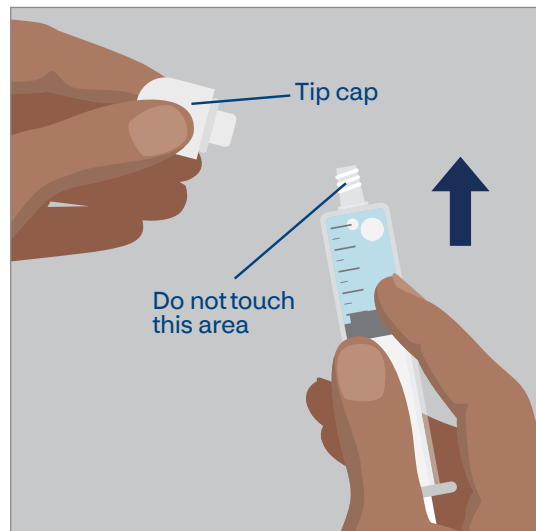
There are important steps you must take before you begin. Please refer to your SASH Teaching Mat for more details.

1. **Clean** your work area.
2. **Wash** your hands.
3. **Gather** your supplies:
  - (2) Pre-filled saline flush syringes
  - (1) Pre-filled heparin flush syringe (if ordered)
  - Medication syringe (at room temperature)
  - Alcohol pads
4. **Inspect** the medication label:
  - Correct patient name
  - Correct medication and dose
  - Medication is not expired
  - Length of infusion
  - The solution should be clear, consistent in color and free of any visible particles

## Prepare Medication Syringe

1. Inspect the medication syringe for any air bubbles. If you see air, remove the bubbles from the syringe by:
  - Removing the tip cap; be careful not to touch the inside of the tip cap or the tip of the medication syringe
  - Holding the syringe upright.
  - Gently pushing on the plunger until air is removed; try to let only air out of the syringe, and avoid letting medication out.

2. Replace the tip cap on the medication syringe.



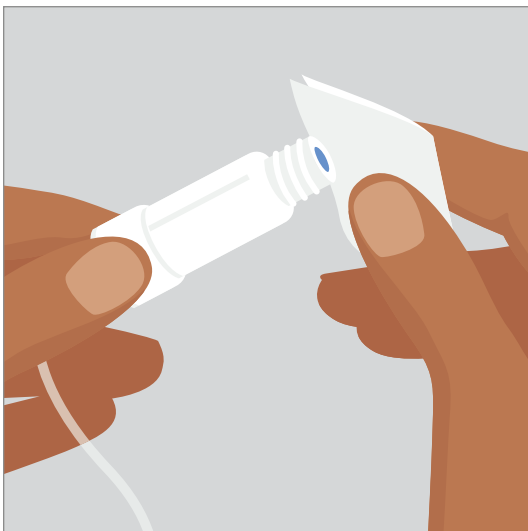
**The tip of the syringe is sterile. Do not** touch it, or let it touch any surfaces. If this happens, discard the syringe as instructed by your nurse and use a new syringe. **Please note** that you will be short one dose and will need more of your medication. Call your pharmacy and explain that you are short one dose of medication. Ask them for directions.

## Flush Your Catheter

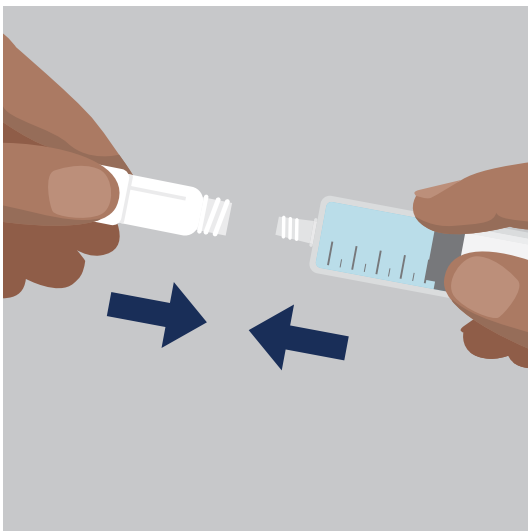
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## Administer Medication

1. Cover the top and the threaded sides of the injection cap with a new alcohol pad and scrub for 15 seconds. Let it air dry for five seconds. Be careful not to touch the top of the injection cap with your fingers while you are cleaning it.



2. Remove the cap from the top of the medication syringe. Connect the syringe to the catheter injection cap. Then, push the syringe and turn the syringe clockwise until it stops.



3. Slowly push in the syringe plunger to administer the medication IV as directed:

Over \_\_\_\_\_ minutes;

Push \_\_\_\_\_ mL every \_\_\_\_\_ seconds

4. Once all the medication has been administered, remove the syringe from the catheter injection cap by twisting counter-clockwise.
5. Discard the medication syringe according to your nurse's instructions.

## Flush Your Catheter

Flush your catheter after administering your medication. Please refer to your SASH Teaching Mat for more details.

### Want to learn more?

Watch a how-to-video on our Resource Center at [coramhc.com](https://www.coramhc.com).

SASH (SASH=S: Saline; A: Administration of Medication; S: Saline; H: Heparin).

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