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What is an Infusor® infusion pump?
An Infusor® infusion pump is a disposable pump that can give you chemotherapy medication at home. It is made of very hard plastic and looks like a baby bottle. Inside the bottle there is a balloon that holds the medication.

What types of medications can be given at home?
Many different medications can be given safely by an infusion pump in your home, including chemotherapy.

If you have any questions, please ask.
We are here to help you.
How does the infusion pump work?
The pharmacist chooses a pump that will give you your medication over a specific amount of time. The balloon is filled with the chemotherapy medication.
The balloon gently pushes the medication through the tubing into your IV. The small white section on the tubing is called a ‘flow regulator’. It controls how fast your medication comes out. Keep it taped against your skin at all times.

The infusion pump has several parts:
Do I still have to come to the hospital?
Yes, you will have to come to the hospital to have your infusion started. A nurse will start your IV and connect the pump. You may then go home. You will be told when to come back to the hospital to have the pump changed or removed.

How do I carry the pump?
• Carry the pump at waist level. Many people carry their pump in a bag or purse around their waist or over their shoulder.
• The pump will run in any position (including upside-down or sideways).
• Keep the pump out of direct sunlight, heat, or cold.

How do I take care of the pump?
• Keep the pump at room temperature. It runs faster if it gets warmer and slower if it gets colder. If you are outside in cold weather, keep the infusion pump close to your body.
• Always keep the regulator taped to your skin.
• Make sure that the tubing is not kinked (bent) and that the clamps are open.
• Check the balloon inside of the pump 2-3 times each day. The balloon should get smaller over time.
• You may do your regular activities (such as walking, driving a car, eating) while having this infusion.
• Do not play contact sports.

Can I bathe or shower with the pump?
• Yes, but it is best to keep the pump out of the water. Put the pump on a chair next to the tub or shower when you are bathing or showering.

How do I know when the pump is empty?
When the balloon inside the bottle is empty, you will be able to see small bumps on the stem.

You may be told how to disconnect your pump at home, or you will be given an appointment to have your pump removed at the hospital.
What if I need help with the pump at home?

Most patients have no problems with the infusion pump. If you have questions about the pump, call the hospital at:

What should I do if:

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<th>The pump leaks?</th>
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<td>4. If any of the medication has touched your skin, wash your skin right away with soapy water.</td>
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<td>5. Follow the instructions in the Chemo Spill Kit you were given.</td>
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