



## READY MED ADMINISTRATION

1. Four (4) hours before dose is due: remove medication from refrigerator, warm to room temperature.
2. Wash your hands.
3. Gather your supplies (2 saline, 1 heparin syringe, alcohol pads and medication).
4. Prepare the **2** saline and **1** heparin syringes by pushing the air out of the syringe.
5. Verify the medication for accuracy (name, medicine, correct dose and expiration date).
6. Swab PICC port with 2 alcohol pads.
7. Connect saline syringe to port, unclamp port and flush. Clamp port, disconnect syringe.
8. Swab port with alcohol pad. Connect the medication to PICC port (**PUSH AND TURN**) and unclamp PICC line.
9. Open the blue clamp on the ready med tubing to begin the infusion. Note the time. Watch your ready med to assure that the medicine ball deflates slowly over your infusion time. If it doesn't, check the tubing for kinks and make sure the blue clamp is open on the tubing.
10. When the medication is done, clamp port and disconnect tubing from the PICC port.
11. Connect saline flush, unclamp port and flush. Clamp port.
12. Connect heparin flush, unclamp port and flush. Clamp port.
13. **Always** swab PICC port anytime flushes/medication is connected to port.  
**KEEP ON SCHEDULE!!!**
14. Remember SASH -**Saline-Antibiotic-Saline-Heparin**

**Change PICC dressing once a week or if it becomes wet or soiled, every 48 hours if gauze is used.**

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