

Giving your FACTOR through a Saline Lock

Review checklist before you start

	Saline locks usually last from 1 to 3 days.
	Reconstituted factor needs to be at room temperature before infusing. Check: dose, expiry date and for any cracks in the bottle.
	Always clean your hands before you start.
	Gloves are worn if you have a cut, a rash or an infection on your hands.
	All syringe tips, needles and end caps must be kept sterile. They cannot touch any surface.
	Place used supplies (such as empty syringes) outside of the clean towel or drop in a garbage bag.
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Supplies

☐ 10 ml syringe of reconstituted factor	☐ garbage bags
- mix factor as taught	clean towel
☐ 10 ml luer lock syringe	gloves, if needed
☐ alcohol wipes	sharps container
prefilled normal saline syringes	



1. Remove any clothes/jewelry, which will get in the way of giving the factor. Check the Saline Lock area. If there is redness, pain, swelling, or leakage. Remove lock and tell your nurse.



2. Clean your hands.



3. Put supplies on a clean towel.



4. Wipe connection at dead-end cap with alcohol wipe – wait 30 seconds.



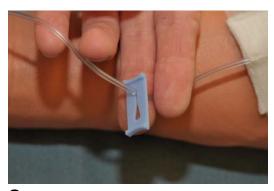
5. Attach the 10 ml saline syringe to the connector.



6. Release the t-connector.



7. Slowly push in the saline (you may feel some resistance).



8. Clamp tubing and remove empty syringe.



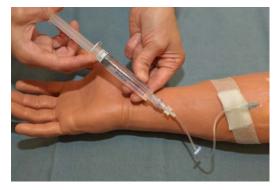
9. Attach the syringe with the factor to the connector. Release the t-connector. Slowly push the factor. Pushing too fast may cause an allergic reaction. Stop pushing if you notice:



- a bump under the skin around vein
- that the factor is hard to push in
- a stinging or painful sensation



10. Clamp tubing and remove empty syringe.



11. Attach syringe of saline, unclamp and flush using the stop start method.



12. During the last 1 ml of normal saline as you flush, you clamp. Remove empty syringe.



13. Dispose of all used needles, factor and syringes in the sharps container.



14. Secure saline lock with tape and dressing. Record your treatment.