

SPIKING & PRIMING IV BAGS

Preprocedure

- Verify orders
- Gather supplies
- Perform hand hygiene
- Identify patient with 2 patient identifiers (or per policy)
- Explain procedure to patient
- Raise bed to a comfortable working height

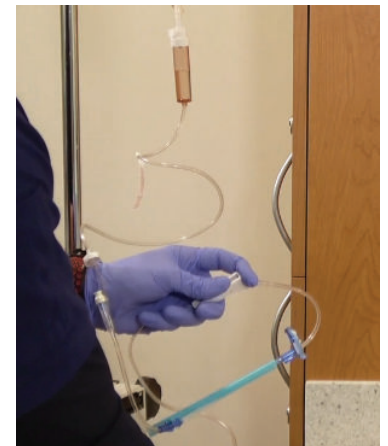
Primary Bags

- Open bag and remove tubing
 - Clamp roller clamp (unclamp any other clamps on line)
- Invert IV bag and remove stopper
- Remove cover from spike, and puncture IV bag (push and twist)
- Hang bag from IV pole
- Squeeze drip chamber ½ full
- Holding the tubing over a sink or trash can, slowly unclamp roller clamp
 - If no fluid is flowing, check other clamps on line
 - *Unrolling the clamp quickly will cause air bubbles to accumulate in line*
- Run fluid through line until no air bubbles are visible
- Once primed, connect line through IV pump or as ordered



Secondary Bags (Piggyback)

- Spike and prime both the primary and secondary lines
- Hang the **SECONDARY** bag on the IV pole
 - Using the hook supplied in the secondary bag, hang the primary bag *below* the secondary bag
- Attach the secondary IV tubing to the port on the primary IV tubing that is above the pump
 - *Scrub the hub for 30 seconds with alcohol scrub*
 - *Twist the leur-lock in place*
- Set the pump for a secondary infusion **per manufacturer instructions** and according to the **ordered rate**
- Unclamp the secondary tubing, THEN Start Infusion



Postprocedure

- Discard sharps in the sharps container
- Discard all used supplies in the appropriate waste container
- Remove and dispose of gloves
- Perform hand hygiene
- Return bed to low & locked position
- Ensure patient is comfortable

