

Ambulatory chemotherapy: what community and hospital pharmacists need to know

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Ambulatory Chemotherapy

The provision of chemotherapy infusions to patients on an ambulatory basis using a portable infusion device¹

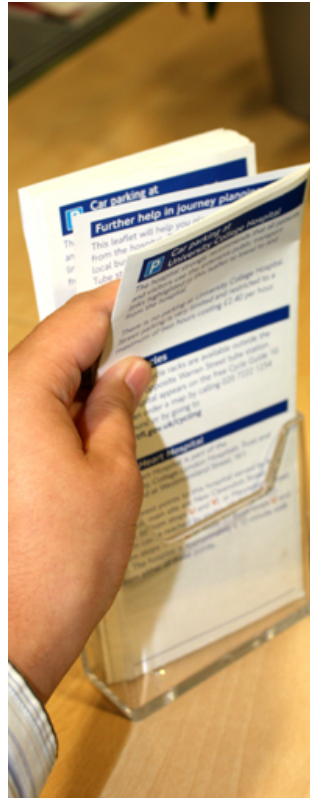


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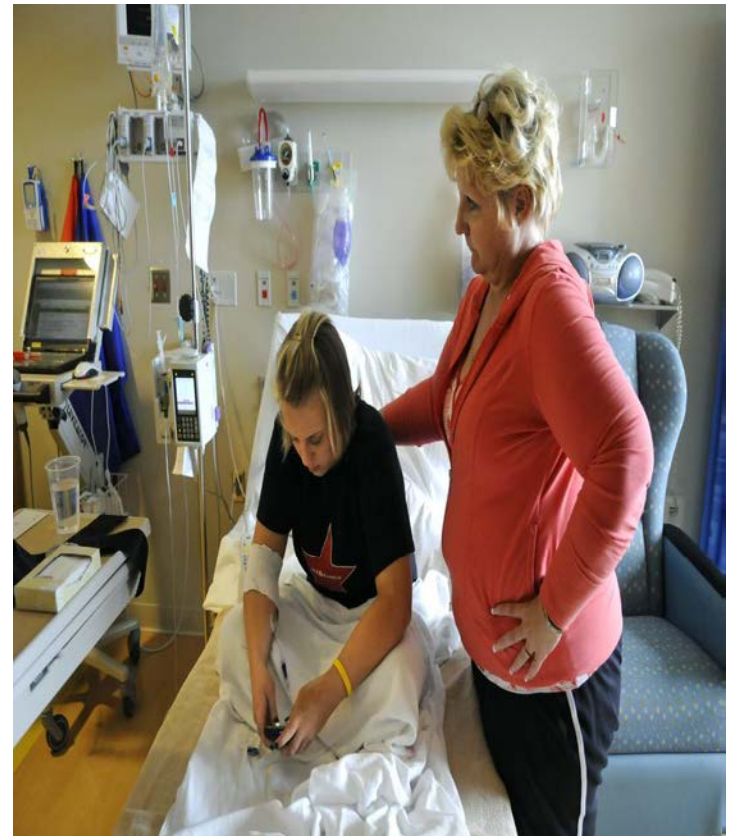


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Ambulatory Chemotherapy



Patient testimonial

Outline

- Pump design
- Current use
- Use in Lebanon
- The future

Elastomeric Infusion Pumps

PUMP COMPONENTS



- Outer protective shell
- Inner elastomeric “balloon” continuously deflating and driving the liquid through the IV line



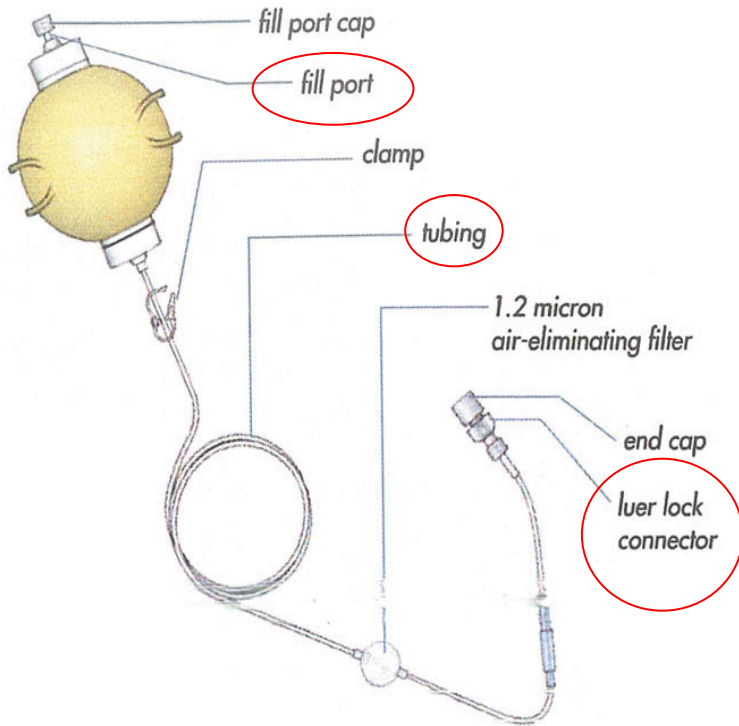
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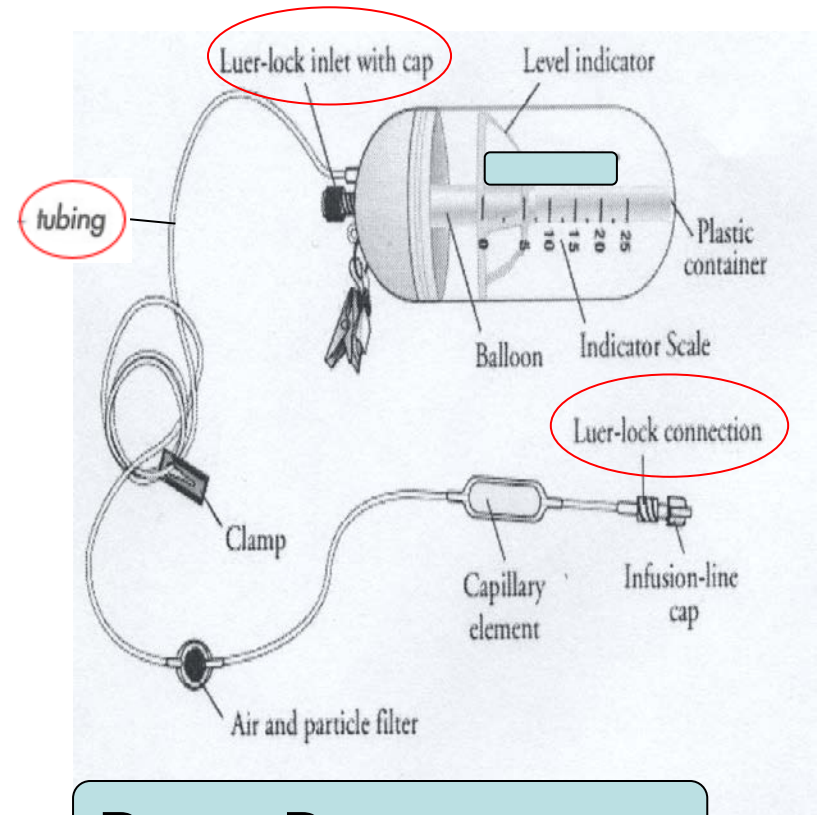
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Pump A



Pump B

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Elastomeric Infusion Pumps

Different capacities and flow rates to suit all regimens



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Elastomeric Infusion Pumps

Applications

- Infusing antibiotic, pain management medication, iron chelation, chemotherapy
- Some chemotherapy protocols provided on ambulatory basis: 5FU, Ifosfamide+Mesna, Trabectedin, etc.

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Elastomeric Infusion Pumps

Advantages	Disadvantages
No program	
Portable	<div data-bbox="421 721 602 773" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1298 776 1547 801" data-label="Text"> <p>www.medscape.com</p> </div> <div data-bbox="417 806 954 838" data-label="Text"> <p>http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/537694</p> </div> <div data-bbox="417 866 983 918" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>Disposable Infusion Pumps</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="417 941 865 971" data-label="Text"> <p>Elena A. Skryabina; Teresa S. Dunn</p> </div> <div data-bbox="417 971 1520 1025" data-label="Text"> <p>Am J Health-Syst Pharm. 2006;63(13):1260-1268. ©2006 American Society of Health-System Pharmacists</p> </div> <div data-bbox="417 1026 645 1053" data-label="Text"> <p>Posted 07/07/2006</p> </div>
Light weight	
Discreet, Silent operation	
Disposable	
No alarm	

Factors affecting infusion rate

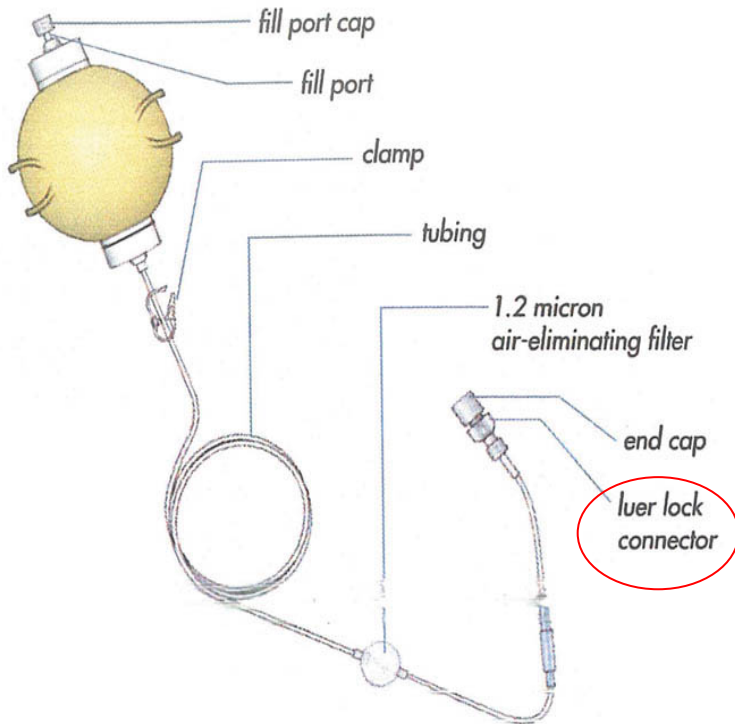
Temperature	~ body temperature	Luer Lock/Capillary element taped to skin
Fill volume	Up to pump Capacity	mL/hr infusion rate
Viscosity of the solution	Dextrose 5% Or 0.9% NaCl	Check manufacturer's guide
Pressure	Ambient	Caution in Hyperbaric/Hypobaric conditions
Pump Height	Luer Lock connector	Caution during sleep and carrying

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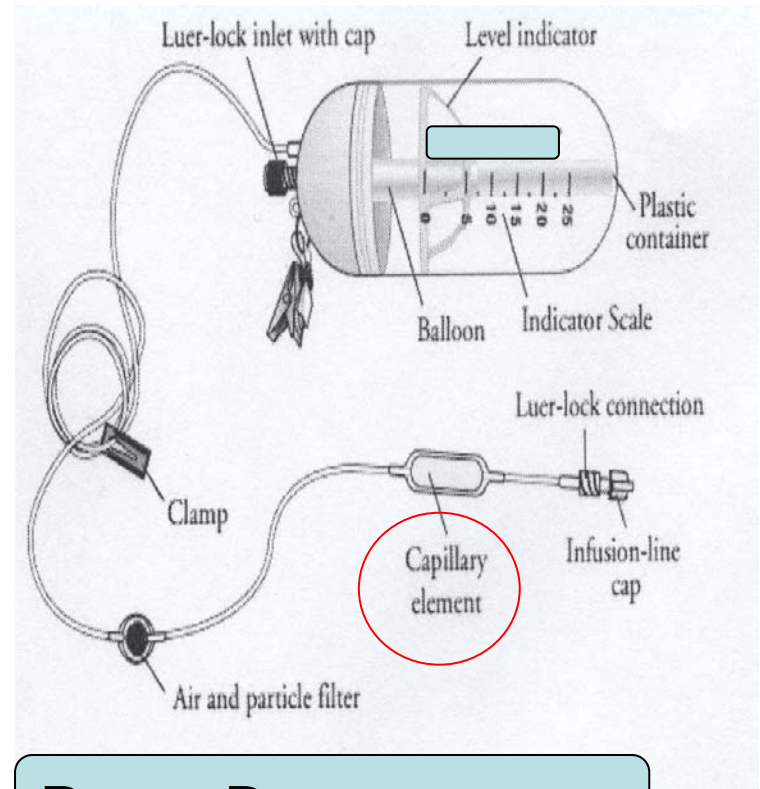
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Current use

- Used for over 20 years¹¹
- Merits:
 - Safe^{12, 13}
 - Effective¹³
 - Preferred by patients^{1, 13, 14}

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Impact

AMBULATORY CHEMOTHERAPY

Prevents hospital admission

Waives cost of hospital stay ^{13,14}

EFFECT ON PATIENT

Reduced chance of encountering
nosocomial infections ^{14, 15}

Improved quality of life ^{15, 16}

EFFECT ON HOSPITAL

Reduced bed occupancy ¹⁷

Reduced hospital work load ¹

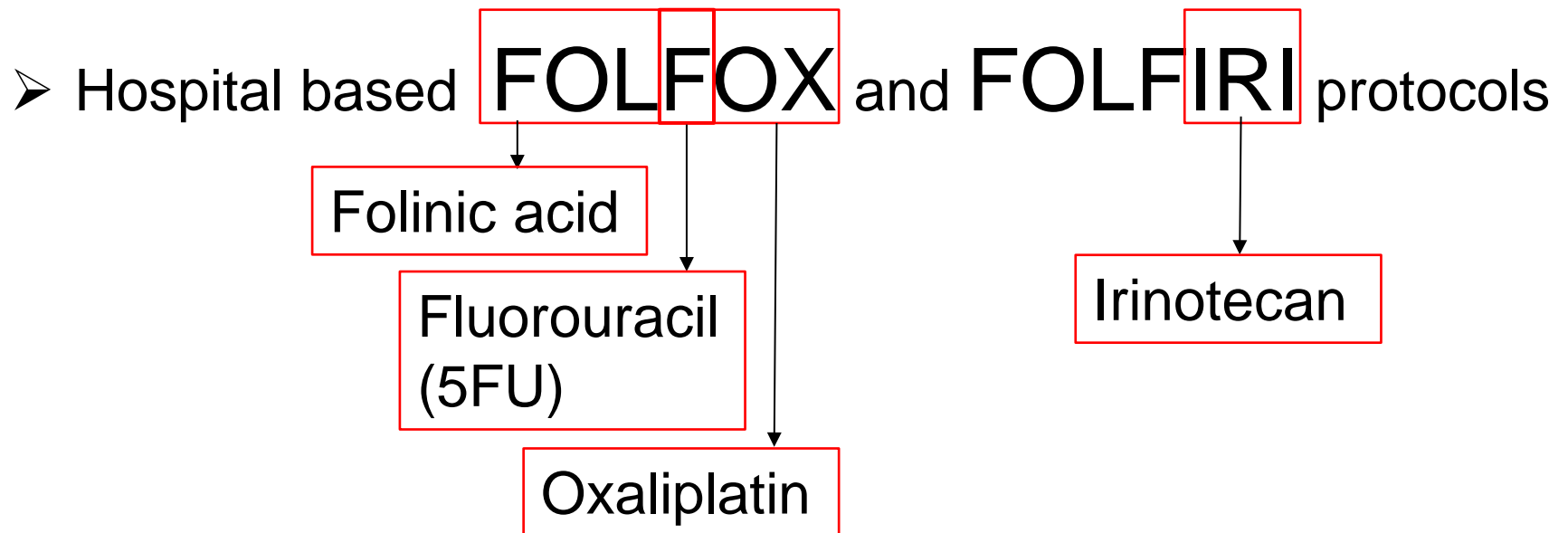
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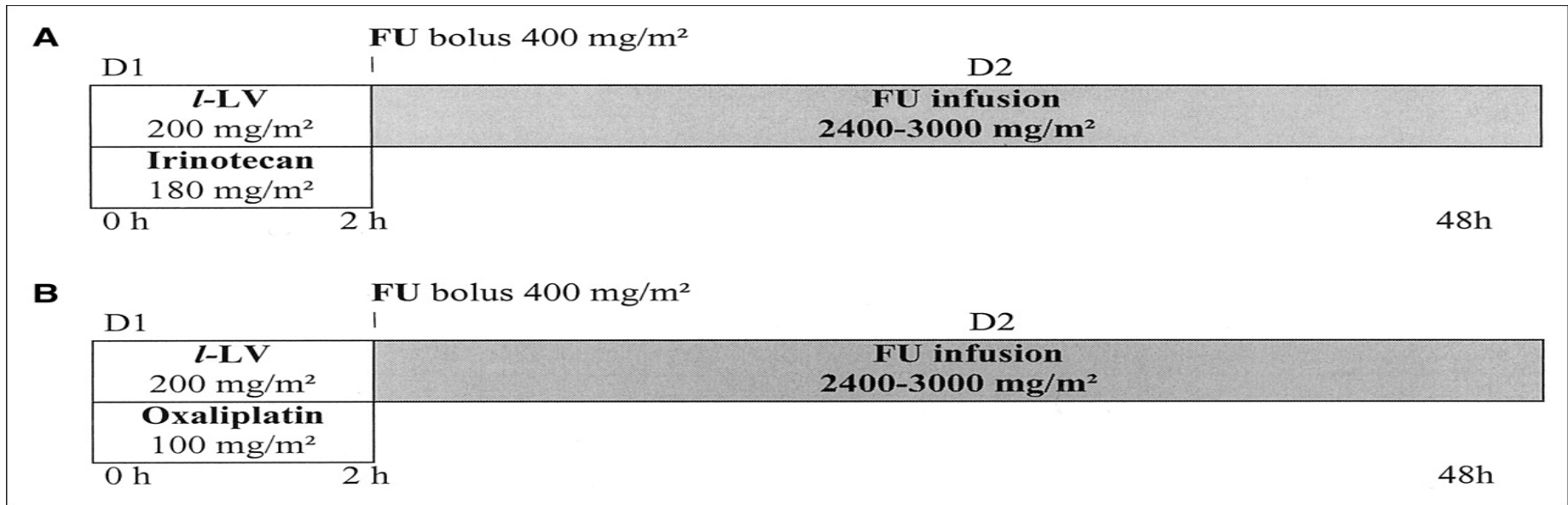
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Use in Lebanon

- Use in colon cancer regimens



FOLFOX6 FOLFIRI pathway for ambulatory treatment



(A) Simplified leucovorin (*I*-LV) and fluorouracil (FU) every 2 weeks (LVFU2) plus irinotecan (FOLFIRI)

(B) simplified LVFU2 plus oxaliplatin (FOLFOX6)

FOLFOX6 FOLFIRI pathway for ambulatory treatment

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CHEMOTHERAPY FOR ADVANCED OR METASTATIC DISEASE - CHEMOTHERAPY REGIMENS (PAGE 7 of 9)

FOLFOX6
mFOLFIRI
Oxaliplatin
Leucovorin
5-FU 400
(total 2400)
Repeat every 2 weeks

FOLFIRI⁸

Irinotecan 180 mg/m² IV over 30–90 minutes, day 1
Leucovorin* 400 mg/m² IV infusion to match duration of irinotecan infusion, day 1
5-FU 400 mg/m² IV bolus day 1, then 1200 mg/m²/day x 2 days (total 2400 mg/m² over 46–48 hours)[†] continuous infusion
Repeat every 2 weeks

mFOLFIRI + Bevacizumab^{9,11}
Oxaliplatin
Leucovorin
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(total 2400)
Bevacizumab 5 mg/kg IV, day 1
Repeat every 2 weeks

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mFOLFIRI + Cetuximab¹⁰
Oxaliplatin
Leucovorin
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(total 2400)
Panitumumab 6 mg/kg IV, day 1
Repeat every 2 weeks

FOLFIRI⁸ + Cetuximab¹⁰

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Repeat every 2 weeks
Cetuximab 400 mg/m² IV over 2 hours first infusion, then 250 mg/m² IV over 60 minutes weekly¹¹
or Cetuximab 500 mg/m² IV over 2 hours, day 1, every 2 weeks¹²

FOLFIRI⁸ + Panitumumab¹³

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Leucovorin* 400 mg/m² IV infusion to match duration of irinotecan infusion, day 1
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Panitumumab 6 mg/kg IV over 60 minutes, day 1
Repeat every 2 weeks

FOLFIRI + ziv-aflibercept¹⁴

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Leucovorin* 400 mg/m² IV infusion to match duration of irinotecan infusion, day 1
5-FU 400 mg/m² IV bolus day 1, then 1200 mg/m²/day x 2 days (total 2400 mg/m² over 46–48 hours)[†] continuous infusion
Ziv-aflibercept 4 mg/kg IV
Repeat every 2 weeks

Capecitabine¹⁵

850–1250 mg/m² PO twice daily, days 1–14
Repeat every 3 weeks

Capecitabine¹⁵ + Bevacizumab^{7†}

Capecitabine 850–1250 mg/m² PO twice daily, days 1–14
Bevacizumab 7.5 mg/kg IV, day 1
Repeat every 3 weeks

*Leucovorin
†NCCN recommends limiting chemotherapy orders to 24-h units (ie, 1200 mg/m²/day NOT 2400 mg/m² over 48 hours) to minimize medication errors.
‡The major side effect of fluoropyrimidines is diarrhea, which is not necessarily dose-limiting.

*Leucovorin 400 mg/m² is the equivalent of levoleucovorin 200 mg/m².

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‡Bevacizumab may be safely given at a rate of 0.5 mg/kg/minute (5 mg/kg over 10 minutes and 7.5 mg/kg over 15 minutes).

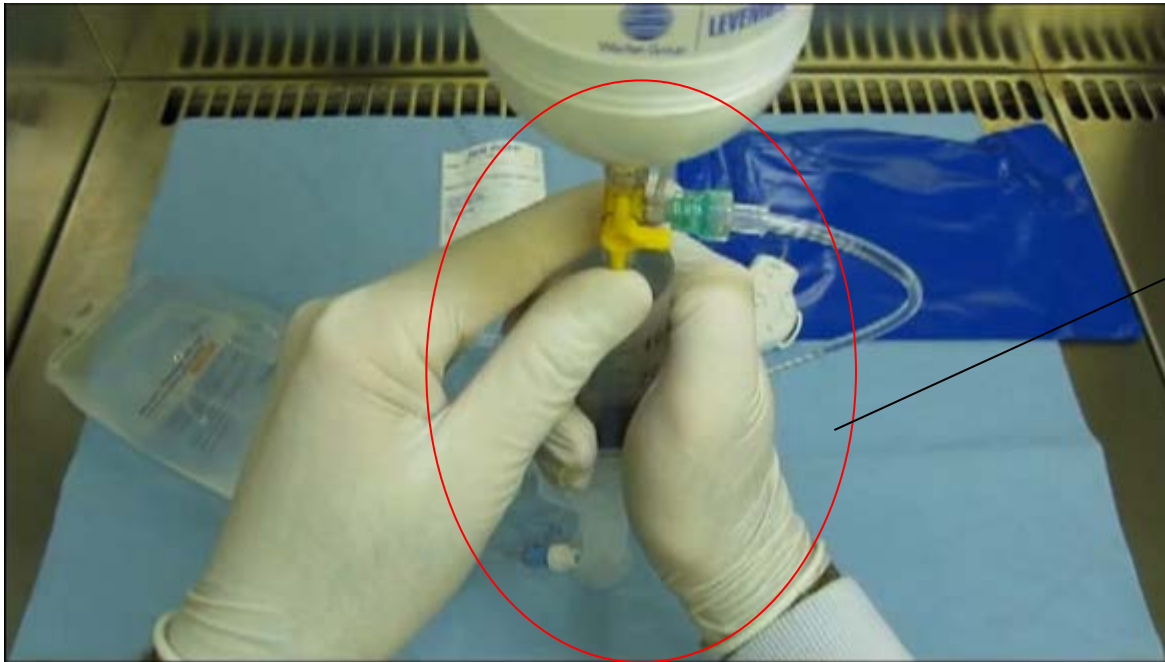
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Appropriate pump filling



Needle free

Appropriate pump filling



Resistance
upon filling the
pump → avoid
pressure on
wrist
(Occupational
Injury)

Patient counselling

12 HRS INFUSED



24 HRS INFUSED



36 HRS INFUSED



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Monitor pump emptying depending on flow rate of pump (e.g. 2ml/hr , check 20 mL decrease after 10 hours)

Patient counselling



- ✓ Cytotoxic drugs used to treat cancer are classified as hazardous
- ✓ Avoid exposing other than patient to contents of pump
- ✓ Carefully clean spill
- ✓ Disconnection at hospital

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Patient counselling



- ✗ Do not submerge pump in water
- ✗ Do not expose to water stream
- ✓ Wrap in plastic bag



- ✓ Keep pump at same height of catheter connection
- ✓ Keep under pillow
- ✗ Do not place above the head



- ✓ Exercise after consulting your healthcare provider
- ✓ Keep pump at room temperature

The future

In need of *stability data* to move more antineoplastic drugs to ambulatory setting

- Stability profiles extended to days thus saving hospital trips to get the next dose

The use in Lebanon

Qualitative study performed with stakeholders in Lebanon

- Increase awareness and education to all healthcare professionals
- Patient counselling (leaflets)
- Update the reimbursement schemes to incorporate ambulatory chemotherapy

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