PATIENT GUIDE
BAXTER INFUSOR RANGE

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BAXTER INFUSOR®
BAXTER INTERMATE®
BAXTER FOLFUSOR®

SIMPLE STEPS
FOR HOME INFUSION SUCCESS
WELCOME TO
THE CONVENIENCE OF
HOME INFUSION THERAPY

This booklet is designed to help you best use the Baxter Infusor, Baxter Intermate or Baxter Folfusor that has been prescribed for you. This information is intended as a general guide only. Please ask the Nurse, Doctor or Pharmacist at your hospital or community service if you have any questions relating to this information.

Unless specifically referred to in this patient guide, the term Baxter Infusor is used throughout this booklet to cover the Baxter Infusor, Baxter Intermate and Baxter Folfusor range.

The Baxter Infusor is a pump that is designed to deliver drugs over a specific time period. The Baxter Infusor will come filled with the medication and appropriate dose ordered for you. Your Baxter Infusor will be changed according to the directions from your hospital or community service, usually by a Healthcare Professional or, if instructed, by you / your carer.
GETTING TO KNOW THE BAXTER INFUSOR

1. **Luer Connector**
   At the end of the tubing, attaches the Baxter Infusor to luer lock cannula.

2. **Winged Luer Cap**
   Protects the luer connector, which attaches to the intravenous line.

3. **Slide Clamp** (may or may not be present)
   Stops fluid flow when pushed to the closed position. The medication flows when clamp is in open position.

4. **Administration Tubing**
   Carries the medication.

5. **Drug Reservoir balloon**
   Holds the medication. When filled, the balloon infuses or pushes the medication down the delivery tubing. It passes through a small part called a “flow restrictor”. Depending on the size of the flow restrictor, the medication flows at faster or slower rates. The flow restrictor may be located either at the end of the administration tubing (Baxter Infusor and Baxter Folfsor) or inside the drug reservoir balloon (Baxter Intermate).
STORING THE BAXTER INFUSOR

You may be instructed to keep your Baxter Infusor either at room temperature or in the refrigerator.

To store your Baxter Infusor in the refrigerator:

- Clean the inside of the refrigerator before putting the Baxter Infusor(s) inside
- Make sure the Baxter Infusor is placed in the refrigerator in its over pouch
- Keep separate from food

When storing the Baxter Infusor at room temperature or after having removed it from the fridge prior to change, choose a cool, dry place that is also clean, away from direct sunlight and heat sources such as an oven or heater. Keep out of the reach of children, in a place where the Baxter Infusor won’t get damaged.

GETTING READY TO USE YOUR BAXTER INFUSOR

Baxter Infusors and Folfusors should be removed from the refrigerator directly before use unless otherwise instructed. Baxter Intermates should be removed from the refrigerator 4-6 hours before use unless otherwise instructed.

If you or your carer have been instructed to change the Baxter Infusor at home:

1. Clean a flat surface with soap and water, and then dry it.
2. Check the name of the medication on the label.
3. Check the expiry date on the label.
4. Check that your name is correct on the label.
5. Wash your hands with warm water and soap. Dry thoroughly.
6. If your Nurse, Doctor or Pharmacist from the hospital or community service suggests you wear gloves, put them on after you have washed and dried your hands.
7. Refer to instructions from your Hospital in the Home service for correct technique to attach the Baxter Infusor to your line.
8. If using a Baxter Infusor or Folfusor, it is preferable that the flow restrictor (at the end of the administration tubing) be secured as close to the skin as possible – this helps to ensure the device will flow at the correct rate.
9. Used devices should be placed back in their over pouch - refer to your Hospital / community service for disposal instructions for used devices.
GETTING READY TO USE YOUR BAXTER INFUSOR (CONT.)

Use when bathing/ in the shower

When showering, hang the Infusor from the shower head or tap in the mesh bag provided from your Hospital service. Alternatively a plastic bag may also be used.

When wearing the Baxter Infusor

Place the Baxter Infusor in the cover or waist pouch (“bum bag”) provided by your hospital. It is important that the Baxter Infusor is kept as close as possible to the same height as your IV connection.

When sleeping

The Baxter Infusor is worn while you are sleeping. Make sure the Baxter Infusor is placed on the bed side table, or on top of the bed covers. Do not place underneath the bed covers, where the device may become too warm. Do not hang from the bed head, or place the device on the floor.

CHECKING THE PROGRESS OF YOUR INFUSOR

The Baxter Infusor works slowly so the balloon will appear to be shrinking over several hours or days, depending on your therapy. The rate of infusion can be affected by temperature around the Baxter Infusor, different medications placed in the balloon and relative height of the Baxter Infusor to the flow restrictor when you are wearing it/ whilst asleep.

The photos below show you approximately how the balloon will deflate over time.

Volume indicator when Baxter Infusor is full

Volume indicator when Baxter Infusor is approximately half way through infusion

Volume indicator when Baxter Infusor is empty. The balloon will be deflated when empty, with the balloon touching all eight empty indicator bumps on two sides of the Baxter Infusor.
TROUBLESHOOTING

What to do if the Baxter Infusor leaks

1. If provided close the clamp on the tubing.
2. Immediately notify your Hospital in the Home or community health service.
3. If your medication comes into contact with your skin, immediately wash the area with warm soapy water.
4. If your hospital or community service has provided you with a spill kit, refer to instructions in the kit for managing spills.
5. If your Baxter Infusor leaks, please keep the faulty device for your Hospital in the Home or community health service to return to Baxter.

If the medication does not infuse.

1. Remember your Baxter Infusor flows very slowly, so make sure you have waited long enough.
2. Check that your I.V. line is unclamped, and there are no kinks in the line.
3. Check the Baxter Infusor about every 6 - 8 hours during the day to make sure it is working. The balloon will get smaller.
4. If the medication is not flowing, please contact your Hospital in the Home or community health service.
5. Please keep the faulty device for your Hospital in the Home or community health service to return to Baxter.

Unable to remove the Winged Luer Cap

If the cap is difficult to remove, your Nurse, Doctor or carer may try and loosen the cap with forceps wrapped around sterile gauze. If this does not loosen the cap, please keep the faulty device for your Hospital in the Home or community health service to return to Baxter.

Discoloured or Floating Matter

Baxter Infusors should not be used if the solution is not clear or contains floating matter. Please keep the faulty device for your Hospital in the Home or community health service to return to Baxter.

Infusion Progress

This diagram shows you approximately how the balloon will deflate over time.

- Empty
- 3/4 Delivered
- 1/2 Delivered
- 1/4 Delivered
- Full
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BAXTER INFUSOR:

If you are receiving antibiotics as part of your therapy, go to www.thehomecalling.com.au or www.thehomecalling.co.nz for more information.

Otherwise contact:

**Baxter Customer Support**

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