

About your Infusystem WalkMed 350VL Pump

Your physician has prescribed a continuous infusion of chemotherapy as part of your treatment for your cancer. The most common medication that is administered as a continuous infusion is 5-Fluorouracil, or 5-FU. This therapy can be prescribed for a certain number of hours, or run continuously for many weeks. The pump will be started by a healthcare provider. This infusion will be administered in the vein, via a central venous catheter (either a PICC line or a Port-a-Cath). The exact amount of drug and rate will be pre-programmed into the pump. The rate and amount are locked features, so there is no way you can accidentally change the settings. The pump will be in a protective plastic case and fits inside a black soft carrying case. Included should be an extra 9 volt battery.

Helpful Hints

It is a good idea to inspect your pump from time to time while you are connected to the pump. When the pump is running, a green light will flash indicating that the pump is on. The display will alternate between the delivery rate and the volume that has been delivered. This screen may go dark to conserve battery life. You may also hear the pump make a "whirring" sound as the pump works. Your healthcare provider should review with you when your pump is expected to be complete. Have them write down the time and date. Please return to have your pump disconnected as close to the completion time as possible. When the pump is complete, the pump will make a beep and display "END". The light will turn from green to yellow and run at a very slow rate. This will keep your central line open and working well until a health care provider can remove the pump.

Changing the batteries.

If your pump needs a new battery, the pump will alarm and the light will be red. "DEP" will appear on the screen indicating that the battery is depleted and a new battery is required. Open the plastic protective case and remove the battery. This will shut off the pump. Replace the battery using the 9 volt alkaline battery provided. Push the power button to turn on the pump. Press the button with the green arrow to restart the pump.

Special Instructions

If your pump is alarming for any reason, please call the **24-hour customer service phone number: 1-800-315-3287**. An oncology nurse will be available to answer questions about the pump and walk you through any problems 24 hours a day. If you have any concerns about side effects from your chemotherapy, call your physician at **209-564-3600**.

For holidays, weekends, or after hour clinic hours, call 209-564-3600 and ask for an on call physician for the hematology/oncology service.