



LTC Hypodermoclysis (Module)
(Subcutaneous Fluid Infusion)

Key: **Req** – Requisition **MAR** – Medication Administration Record **K** – Kardex **Dis** – Discontinued

Key

Phase

Instructions for completing this order set:

- Indicates a pre-selected order. To delete a pre-selected order, draw a line through it
- Must tick the box for order to be implemented. Orders not checked will not be implemented
- Fill in blank spaces as needed/appropriate
- Indicates an item for consideration by Provider; is NOT an order

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Inclusion criteria:

- Unable to ingest sufficient amounts of fluid orally
- Persistent nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Resident requires parenteral hydration for a short trial of rehydration, with clear goals and time frame (48 to 72 hours)

Exclusion criteria:

- Active respiratory congestion or risk of pulmonary edema
- Moderate to severe ascites
- Active bleeding or risk of bleeding due to anticoagulant or clinical condition

Communication Orders

- Refer to Protocol/Guideline/Standard, Nurse to follow [“10.3.16PR Parenteral Infusion Therapy \(Subcutaneous Infusion – Hypodermoclysis\) for Long Term Care”](#)

Patient Care

- Subcutaneous Butterfly Insertion, Monitoring and site selection as per procedure

Continuous Infusions

Ordering considerations:

- Maximum amount of fluid PER SITE is 2,000 mL, or less as clinically indicated by site assessment
- Two infusion sites are required for volume greater than 2,000 mL
- Solution CANNOT be mixed with any medications or additives (i.e. KCl, antibiotics, etc.)

IV SOLUTION

- sodium chloride 0.9%
- Ringers Lactate

DURATION

- 24 hours
- 48 hours
- 72 hours

VOLUME / ROUTE / DIRECTIONS

- 1,000 mL, SUBCUT, Titrate, Infuse 1,000 mL total volume per 24 hours
- 1,500 mL, SUBCUT, Titrate, Infuse 1,500 mL total volume per 24 hours
- 2,000 mL, SUBCUT, Titrate, Infuse 2,000 mL total volume per 24 hours
- Goal is to infuse IV fluids via gravity per procedure; The body will prevent over-infusion into the third space

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