

SAFETY PRACTICE

INFUSION PUMP SAFETY

LET'S KEEP PATIENTS SAFE: PRACTICE INFUSION PUMP SAFETY

*See your site/program policy, procedure or guideline
Note: Patient/Client/Resident used interchangeably

Prevent Patient Harm

Practice infusion pump safety. The safe use of infusion pumps could reduce your patients' risk of serious harm and could save lives.

Leaders / Managers Provide:

- Staff access to infusion pump user guides/instructions
- Training, re-training & just-in-time training
- Staff competency evaluations (at least every 2 years)
- Resources /tools for staff to train patients/family on self-operated pumps



Infusion Pump Safety Training / Re-Training Needed When:

- You are new to the care area, you return from extended leave, or you don't use pumps frequently
- Pumps are upgraded or new pumps purchased
- Indicated by your infusion pump competency review

Educate Your Patients /Families

Staff members are to educate their patients/families on safe use of self-operated pumps, e.g. insulin pumps or analgesic pumps. Remember to document this training in the patient record.

Evaluation of Infusion Pump Safety Includes:

- Review safety events related to infusion pumps
- Review smart pump data
- Track & review staff competency evaluations
- Gather feedback from patient/families & staff



Improvement

Make needed improvements & keep staff members informed of changes.

Need more information?

Contact your coordinator /supervisor /manager or quality safety lead.