

# Infusor

HOME INFUSION SYSTEMS



# Welcome to home infusion therapy

Baxter’s **Infusor** System has been prescribed for your home infusion therapy and is designed to deliver drugs over a specific time period. This Patient Guide will help you use your **Infusor** System safely.

This information is intended to provide patients and their caregivers with information on how to ensure a proper infusion while using Baxter Elastomeric products.

This information is intended as a general guide only. Please ask your healthcare provider if you have any questions relating to this information.

The devices pictured may not be an exact representation of your device. Some of the product contained within may not be currently available in your country. Contact your healthcare provider with any additional product questions or concerns.

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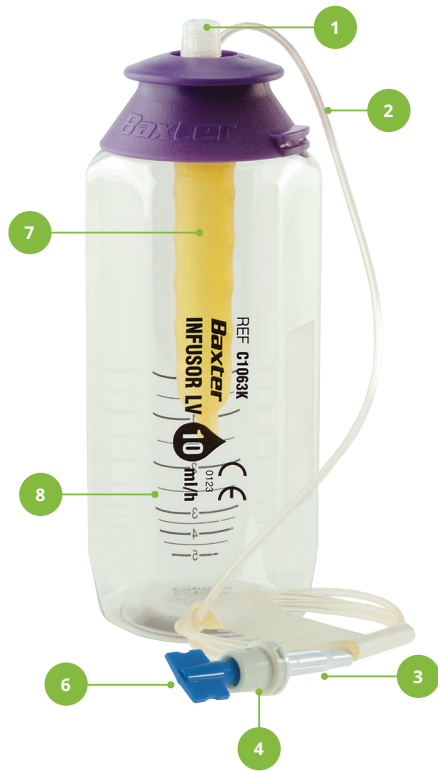
# Getting to know your **Infusor** System

## How does the Infusor System deliver medication?

- The **Infusor** System is filled with medication prescribed by your healthcare provider
- The device starts delivering medication immediately once it is connected to your catheter/port and will continue until it is empty or disconnected
- As the elastomeric “balloon” consistently deflates it will slowly push medication through your IV tubing and into your catheter/port



Small Volume Infusor  
(Folfusor)



Large Volume Infusor



Small Volume  
Intermate



Large Volume  
Intermate

- 1 **Fill Port and Sterility Protector Cap** protect the **Infusor or Intermate** System
- 2 **Tubing** carries the medication from the device into your catheter/port
- 3 **Flow Restrictor (Infusor Only)** controls the infusion rate of the medication (Glass)
- 4 **Distal End Luer Lock** attaches the **Infusor or Intermate** System to your catheter
- 5 **Open/Close Clamp** stops medication flow when pushed to the closed position; allows medication flow when in the open position. This may not be present on Infusor devices.

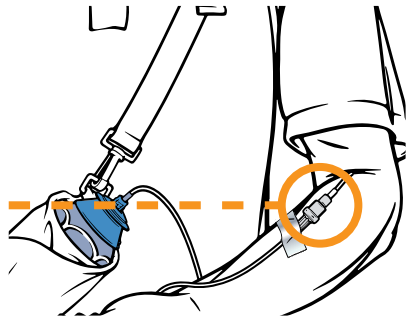
- 6 **Winged Luer Cap** protects the opening and stops the flow of medication until it is removed. The Winged Luer Cap is not present when the device is connected to your catheter
- 7 **Elastomeric Reservoir** holds the medication and pushes it through the tubing
- 8 **Infusion Progress Lines** show the progress of the infusion (lines may be horizontal or vertical on the plastic housing)
- 9 **Flow capillary (Intermate Only)** controls the infusion rate of an intermate (Stainless Steel)

# Using your Infusor System

## Factors Affecting Operation

Changes in temperature and height may affect the flow rate and delivery time.

- The device and tubing are meant to be kept at approximately room temperature throughout your infusion.
- If your device has a Flow Restrictor and/or Flow Control Module, securely tape it directly to the skin to maintain accurate device flow rate and allow the medication to be infused at body temperature while the device remains at room temperature.
- Position the top of the device at the same height as the Distal End Luer Lock (reference diagram).



Device/Flow Restrictor placement for the XLV8, Single-Rate Slow-Flow Infusor and Single-Rate Fast-Flow Intermate.

**Caution:** Please note that any of the above factors, or a combination of the above factors, may lead to an increase or decrease in the prescribed flow rate

Illustrations above depict Flow Restrictor and device positioning.

## Monitoring infusion progress

The Infusor System 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 device and the height of the device in relation to your catheter when you are wearing it or while you sleep.

### To monitor infusion progress:

- Ensure the IV tubing is not clamped or kinked
- Utilize the Progress Lines to monitor infusion progress
- Infusion is complete when the balloon is fully deflated.

## Correlation between flow rate and expected delivery time

Devices flowing faster than intended will have a shorter delivery duration

- Warm solutions will flow faster
- If the device is positioned too high relative to the catheter exit site, solutions will flow faster

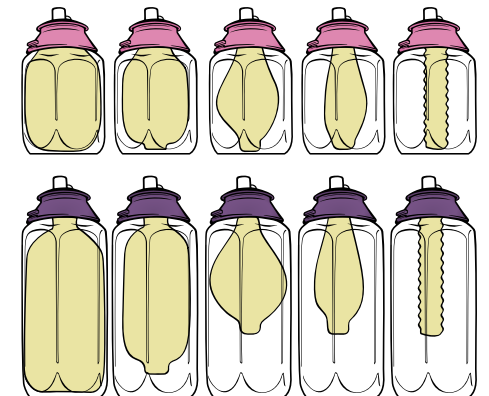
Devices flowing slower than intended will have a longer delivery duration

- Cold solutions will flow slower
- If the device is positioned too low relative to the catheter exit site, solutions will flow slower

## Device Disconnection and Disposal

**DO NOT DISCONNECT YOUR DEVICE UNLESS DIRECTED TO DO SO BY YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER**

If your healthcare provider has instructed you to disconnect your device, dispose of the device as instructed by your healthcare provider. Disposal instructions may include return of the device to the healthcare provider or disposal per their instructions.



Progress Lines may be horizontal or vertical depending on your device.

# Storing your Infusor System

Some medications delivered by the Infusor System are temperature sensitive and must be stored in your refrigerator until use, while other medications can be stored at room temperature. Consult your healthcare provider for specific directions for your medication.

Your healthcare provider may have instructed you to keep your filled Infusor System in the refrigerator.

## Storing at room temperature

If you are storing your device at room temperature choose a place that is:

- Cool, clean and dry
  - Away from direct sunlight and heat sources, such as an oven or a heater
  - Out of the reach of children and pets



# Frequently asked questions



## Can I exercise with my Infusor System?

Follow your healthcare provider's guidelines around safe exercise. If your healthcare provider allows you to exercise, you can exercise with your device as long as it remains close to room temperature and is not exposed to water. If the tape holding the Flow Restrictor to your skin comes off, be sure to reapply the tape.



## What is the best way to carry or wear my Infusor System?

Place the device in the cover or pouch provided by your healthcare provider. It is important that the device is kept at the appropriate height. Position the top of the device at the same height as the Distal End Luer Lock. 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.



## Can my pet be around my Infusor System?

The device is safe to use around pets, but ensure that it is protected from chewing and playing. Do not let your pet lay on your device.



## Can I travel with my Infusor System?

It is safe to travel by air with an elastomeric device. It is recommended to discuss your travel plans with your healthcare provider.





### Can I take a shower with my Infusor System?

Follow the advice of your healthcare provider about whether it is okay for you to shower. The device should not be submerged or exposed to a direct stream of water. Avoid spending long periods of time in a very warm environment.



### Where should I keep my Infusor System while sleeping?

If you are going to sleep with your Infusor System, make sure you place it at the appropriate height. Make sure the device is placed on the bedside table or on top of the bed covers. Do not place the device underneath the bed covers or the pillow, where it may become too warm.



### What should I do if there is a problem with my Infusor System?

Contact your healthcare provider.



### Can the Infusor be used inside an MRI Machine or Hyperbaric chamber?

The Infusor does not contain any metal so is suitable to go through an MRI machine. **The Intermate is NOT SAFE for the MRI due to the steel flow restrictor.**

Other changes; The Infusor and the Intermate may also be used inside hyperbaric chambers. As long as the patient is exposed to the same changes in pressure as the Infusor or Intermate device there is no hindrance to the infusion.

## Conditions to consider

- Keep your device at the appropriate **height** throughout your infusion
- Device can be used straight from the fridge.
- High temperatures caused by proximity to fireplaces, heaters, pets, etc. can impact infusion time
- Ensure your flow restrictor is **taped directly to your skin** to keep it at **body temperature**
- **Do not disconnect the device** unless directed by your healthcare provider
- Call your healthcare provider if there is a problem with the device
- The device must be protected from direct sunlight at all times
- The **Infusor** System is single-use only. Do not reuse





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