



DRAWING UP MEDICATIONS FROM A VIAL (FOR TPN OR HYDRATION ADDITIVES)

SUPPLIES:

- Syringe with attached needle
- Vial of medication
- Alcohol wipes
- Sharps container

PROCEDURE:

1. Gather equipment. Clean work area. Wash hands.
2. Remove the protective cap from the vial and wipe the top of vial vigorously for 30 seconds with an alcohol wipe.
3. Draw air, equal to the amount of medication to be withdrawn from the vial into the syringe by pulling back on the syringe plunger.
4. Carefully remove needle cap from the syringe. **DO NOT TOUCH THE NEEDLE.**
5. Insert the needle into the center of the rubber stopper on the vial.
6. Invert the vial and inject the air from the syringe into the vial of medication. Gently pull back on the plunger of the syringe, allowing the medication to fill the syringe. Withdraw the desired amount of medication as specified on the prescription label.
7. Slowly withdraw the needle from the vial and carefully replace the protective cap over the needle.