

## DRAWING UP MEDICATIONS FROM A VIAL

Properly drawing up your medication from a vial at home is important to your safety. Please call 1-800-755-4704 if you have any questions or concerns at all while administering the medication. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In the event of an emergency, always call 911.

### For teaching guides and videos:

<https://chartwellpa.com/patients/patient-teaching-guides.asp>

### SUPPLIES:

- syringe with attached needle
- vial of medication
- alcohol/antiseptic wipes
- sharps container

### PROCEDURE:

1. Prior to use, allow medication to reach room temperature according to medication label or manufacturer's instructions for use.
2. Gather supplies. Clean work area. Wash Hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds.
3. Check medication label for name, drug, frequency, and expiration. Inspect the medication vial for any cracks, leaks, particulate matter, and clarity of medication. Contact Chartwell for any discrepancies or concerns.
4. Remove the protective cap from the vial and wipe the top of vial vigorously for 30 seconds with an alcohol/antiseptic wipe and allow to dry.
5. Draw air, equal to the amount of medication to be withdrawn from the vial into the syringe by pulling back on the syringe plunger.
6. Carefully remove needle cap from the syringe. **DO NOT TOUCH THE NEEDLE.**
7. Insert the needle into the center of the rubber stopper on the vial.
8. 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.
9. Slowly withdraw the needle from the vial and carefully replace the protective cap over the needle, using one handed scoop method as directed by your nurse.