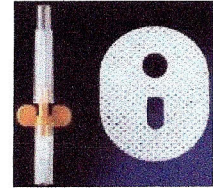


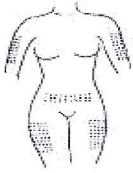
# INSUFLON

## WHAT IS INSUFLON?

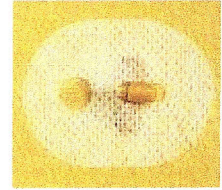
An indwelling subcutaneous (soft plastic) catheter for frequent subcutaneous injection without actual needle sticking the child.



**WHERE TO INSERT INSUFLON?** At the regular subcutaneous injection sites.



- a. Insuflon is due to be changed Q5days & prn (document insuflon site change on Vascular Access Device Hx)
- b. Always find a site with most subcutaneous fat



## HOW TO USE INSUFLON?

	Step-by-Step Procedure	Nursing Assessment & Documentation
1.	Assess insuflon site before injection	- Document site assessment <u>before injection</u> on flowsheet.  <b>Potential complications:</b> bleeding at site, bruising, redness, infection at site, swelling, other discoloration, and hardening tissue texture at site  <b>* Pt still feels the burning sensation of the Lovenox though!</b>
2.	a. Check medication to be given (5 rights) b. Draw med up in 1mL syringe c. Use <u>only 27-31 gauge &amp; 1/8<sup>th</sup> – 3/8<sup>th</sup> inch long needle or TB syringe</u>	Lovenox: - low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) - a.k.a. enoxaparin - for anticoagulation  Monitoring blood test: <b>Anti Xa level</b> To be drawn @: _____
3.	a. Wash hand b. Alcohol swab the port of insulfon for 15sec	
4.	a. Align needle with port of insuflon b. Inject med through insuflon <u>slowly</u> with no resistance c. Finish injection, hold insuflon and pull needle off  <b>* NO FLUSHING needed!!!!</b>	- Needle <u>has to go in straight</u> for proper administration of med  - If there is resistance, withdraw needle and re-align
5.	DO NOT RUB the site	May cause bruising and irritation
6.	Insuflon and site change	Every 5 days Document site assessment on FLOWSHEET See online LPCH Procedure: "Insuflon Indwelling Subcutaneous Catheter" for insertion instruction