

Notes:

- Infiximab should be reconstituted with sterile water; in the event of a sterile water shortage, normal saline may be used as a diluent.
- Do NOT reconstitute until venous access has been established.
- Reconstitute immediately before use. • Bring infiximab to room temperature 30 - 60 minutes prior to reconstituting.
- Unopened REMICADE vials may also be stored at temperatures up to a maximum of 30°C (86°F) for a single period of up to 6 months but not exceeding the original expiration date. The new expiration date must be written on the carton. Upon removal from refrigerated storage, REMICADE cannot be returned to refrigerated storage.

Infiximab Doses	Refer to
100 mg up to and including 800 mg	Reconstitution Instructions for infiximab
801 mg or greater	Reconstitution Instructions for infiximab **AND infiximab Pooling Instructions

Reconstitution Instructions for infiximab

- 1) Clean the area that will be used for mixing and preparing drug for the treatment.
- 2) Set up mixing supplies on table.
 - A. Infiximab 100 mg vials
 - B. Sterile Water for Injection (SWFI) 10 mL vials
 - C. Normal Saline (NS) 250 mL
 - D. 10 mL syringe(s) with needle
 - E. 18 gauge needle(s)
 - F. 60 mL syringe
 - G. Alcohol wipes
- 3) Wash hands for at least 20 - 30 seconds with soap and water. NOTE anytime you touch a surface outside the clean area you will need to wash your hands.
- 4) Remove caps from infiximab and SWFI vials to expose the central portion of the rubber stoppers.
- 5) Clean the top of each vial with an alcohol wipe. Swipe in one direction away from you; allow to air dry, no fanning or blowing.
- 6) Use the 10 mL syringe to withdraw the sterile water.
- 7) Remove the cap from the 100 mg vial of infiximab.
- 8) Each 100 mg vial of infiximab should be reconstituted by directing the stream of 10 ml SWFI down the wall of the vial.
- 9) Avoid shaking and prolonged or vigorous agitation.
- 10) Foaming is not unusual and should dissipate after allowing the vial to stand for 5 minutes.
- 11) The reconstituted solution should be colorless to light yellow and opalescent. Do not use if the powder is not fully dissolved or if opaque particles, discoloration or other foreign bodies are present.
- 12) If directed, remove and discard a volume of NS equivalent to the volume of reconstituted infiximab.
- 13) Infiximab vials are non-preserved, and infusions should begin within 3 hours of preparation.
- 14) The infiximab solution should be administered intravenously over a period of not less than 2 hours using a rate-controlled device and infusion set with an in-line, non-pyrogenic, low-protein-binding filter (pore size of 1.2 micron or less).
- 15) Use one 60 mL syringe to draw up all vials of reconstituted infiximab.
- 16) For infiximab doses up to and including 800 mg, inject the reconstituted infiximab into the yellow additive port of the NS bag. The bag of NS can hold an additional 100 mls of fluid. Do not withdraw any NS from the bag prior to administration unless specifically directed.

** Note: Infiximab doses 801 mg or greater should be transferred into a 500 ml pooling bag

** Infiximab Pooling Instructions: For doses of 801 mg or greater

Note: Complete infliximab reconstitution as described on previous page.

Before pooling, check to make sure the infliximab solution is clear and free of undissolved particles. There is a specific way we prefer the nurse in the home to pool the medication. Locate the pooling bag and gravity fill set tubing.

- A) Remove male white cap ① from female white connector ② of the pooling bag
- B) Remove female white cap ③ from male white connector on pooling leg ④ .
- C) Screw the pooling leg onto the pooling bag by connecting ends ② and ④ .
- D) Clamp the large white clamp on the pooling leg ⑤ .
- E) Remove the clear pooling spike cover from the white pooling leg spike ⑥ and insert into the IV tubing port of the 250 ml bag of NS to be transferred.
- F) Open the white clamp of the pooling leg ⑤ .
- G) Lift the 250 ml bag of NS to facilitate flow of NS into the pooling bag.
- H) Once all the NS is in the pooling bag, clamp the clear colored non-reopening clamp ② securely.
- I) Remove the pooling leg from the pooling bag at the (② and ④) connection.
- J) Replace/screw a male white cap ① onto the female white opening ② of the pooling bag.
- K) If infliximab reconstitution has not yet been done, please follow reconstitution steps 1-16 above.
- L) Draw up all the vials of the reconstituted infliximab into one syringe.
- M) Inject infliximab into the yellow additive port of the pooling bag. The infliximab is now ready for use.
- N) Remove the IV port cover ⑩ from the center infusion port of the pooling bag. This step requires some strength to twist the cover off.
- O) Insert Dial-a-Flow gravity IV tubing into the prepared infliximab bag by spiking the IV port ⑩.

