

Family Infusion Therapy

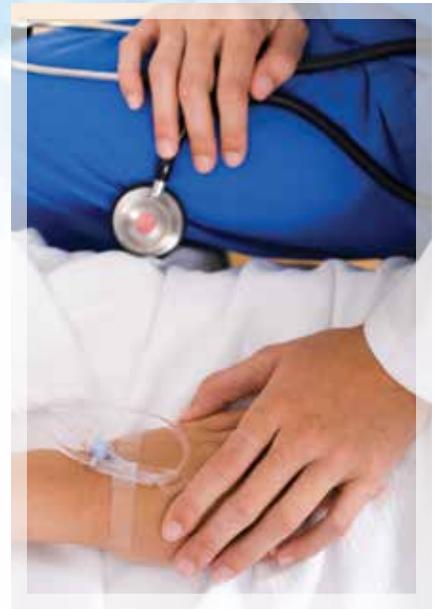
Family LifeCare strives to provide needed services for the communities it serves and one of its' newest services is Infusion Therapy. Infusion Therapy includes all aspects of fluid and medication, using intravenous and subcutaneous routes, that is prescribed when a patient's condition cannot be treated effectively by oral medications. Medications, such as antibiotics, antivirals, steroids, pain management, parenteral nutrition and cancer drugs, as well as blood products can be delivered through infusion therapy.

Common diagnoses that require IV therapy include infections that do not get better with oral antibiotics,

congestive heart failure, immune disorders, neurological disorders, growth hormone deficiencies, dehydration and high risk pregnancy.

Family Infusion Therapy can also be used in the management and treatment of disease at home when moving a patient may not be advisable or physical and family situations make it difficult. For example, a child might be traumatized by the hospital experience or the example of the mother who is challenged to take all of her little children for the infusion appointment for one of her children may make it more sensible to have an infusion team come to the home to deliver treatments as needed.

Infusion teams typically include a doctor who writes a prescription and develops a schedule for infusions, and infusion therapy nurses who actually perform the treatments and monitor the patients while treatment is ongoing. Our Family Infusion Therapy team is skilled in the insertion of PICC lines, IVs and accessing ports to meet your needs.



Historically, this type of treatment took place on an inpatient basis, with the patient staying in the hospital and being monitored during the course of the treatment. Heightened emphasis on cost-containment in health care, as well as developments in the clinical administration of the therapy, led to strategies to administer infusion therapy in alternate settings. More commonly today, it is offered as an outpatient procedure and the individual may continue their normal lifestyle and work activities. ❧



To learn more about our Infusion Therapy program, call 1-800-355-2817.

