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## Using Vial-Mates

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The Vial-Mate is an adapter that allows us to connect a vial of powder medication to your infusion bag. This is already done for you at Upstate HomeCare in sterile conditions, so all you need to do is activate the device to reconstitute the medication.

### Getting Started:

1. Wash your hands.
2. Gather your infusion bag with the Vial-Mate and medication attached.
3. Always check your medication label, make sure the information is correct – your name, name of medication, dosage, expiration date, etc. If there are any discrepancies, call Upstate HomeCare immediately.
4. Look at the Vial-Mate – This is the connector that attaches the vial of medication to your IV bag. You will see there are ridges on both the blue and white sections.



5. Twist the pieces so that the ridges line up in a straight line. You will hear a “click” when they are in line.



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6. Push the blue section into the white section. This will allow the fluid from the bag to flow into the vial.



7. Hold bag so the vial is downward. Squeeze solution from the bag into the vial until the vial is half full.



8. Gently shake the vial (with the bag attached) so that the medication dissolves. You should not see any particles floating.
9. You now need to get the medication into the bag so you can infuse it. Flip the bag around so that the vial is now on top. Squeeze the bag; this will force air into the bag. Repeat until the vial is empty. This may take several repetitions.



10. When the vial is empty, the contents are now in the bag. Shake bag gently to ensure medication is well mixed within the bag.
11. Once medication is well mixed, you will be ready to infuse your medication.
12. If you have any problems, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Upstate HomeCare.