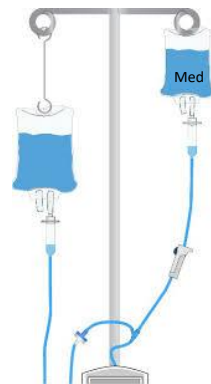


IV Med Administration Best Practice Reminder: Flushing



Do not use a primary line alone for medication administration



Prime a primary line and deliver IV medications via a secondary line

Rationale:

- Without a post-medication flush a significant percentage of the intended dose can be left in the tubing and not delivered to the client as ordered.
- The new B Braun primary tubing set is **23ml** in volume, adding further to medication lost if not properly flushed as a standard of practice
- Hanging a secondary line, allows for rapid flushing without delay in the case of an emergency (i.e.: allergic reaction)