



Patient Addressograph (if available)
Or Pharmacy Prescription Label

Dissolve and Dose Instructions (Template)

Medication name and strength* _____

Materials Required

- Medication: dose _____ = _____ tablets[†]
- Oral syringe 10mL size with cap (*do not use sterile parenteral syringes*)
- ~7mL Water (tap, distilled or sterile)

Procedure

ADMINISTER MEDICATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER PREPARATION

1. Remove the plunger from the oral syringe.
2. Ensure the tip of the syringe is capped.
3. Drop the tablet(s) directly into the syringe. Do not crush.
4. Reinsert the plunger into the syringe barrel.
Note: you may need to loosen the syringe cap to allow air to exit the syringe.
5. Remove the syringe cap and draw approximately 7mL of water (or as per pharmacist's direction) into the oral syringe.
6. Draw an extra 1mL of AIR into the syringe.
7. Cap the syringe and allow the medication to disintegrate over 3 to 5 minutes. Shake the syringe a few times during this period until no large particles of medication remain in the syringe. The medication may not completely dissolve and a fine powder may be present in the syringe, but you may still give the medication.
8. Label the syringe as per site/ facility requirements (e.g. drug name, patient name, dose, etc.)
9. Shake the syringe well immediately prior to administering the dose.
10. Remove the cap from the syringe.
11. Administer the appropriate volume of liquid in the syringe via the appropriate enteral route. Administer medication immediately after preparation.

*Not all tablets are amenable to the Dissolve and Dose procedure. Contact the Pharmacy Department to ensure that the product available is suitable and for alternate administration information if needed.

[†] The Dissolve and Dose procedure is limited to tablets only.