

# Caring for a CADD Infusion Pump at Home

## The Pump

Please refer to the Patient Information Booklet for instructions on:

- ▶ display screens and alarms
- ▶ changing the battery
- ▶ starting and stopping the pump
- ▶ troubleshooting if problems occur

## Maintenance of the Pump

The CADD pump needs little maintenance by you.

- ▶ Keep the pump clean by wiping off with a clean, damp cloth.
- ▶ Do wipe off medication spills or other liquids that may get on the pump.
- ▶ Do not use abrasive cleaners.
- ▶ Do not oil the pump, it is lubricated for life at the factory.

A CADD-PCA pump has been suggested so you can continue to receive your pain medication at home.

The pump will deliver the medication to you at a constant rate, and will also allow you to give yourself interim (breakthrough) doses when you need them.

Please call your Home & Community Care Nurse

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or Hospice Palliative Care Unit

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if you have any questions or concerns.



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## Batteries

Your pump runs on either:

- One 9-volt alkaline battery (lasts about one week), or
- Two double-A alkaline batteries (lasts about three days)

We recommend Duracell or Eveready alkaline batteries. You should purchase spares to have on hand.

## Catheter and Tubing

A plastic needle is inserted just under the skin. Once inserted, the needle is removed leaving just the catheter.

The catheter may need to be changed every seven days or more often, depending on the volume of medication you are receiving, and the location where the needle has been inserted.

The tubing is specially made for use with the CADD-PCA pump, and is changed weekly. Your nurse will check it each shift or visit.

## Prescriptions

Prescriptions for the pump are filled by \_\_\_\_\_, who will deliver the medication to your home if you wish.

Either your family physician or a palliative care physician can write the prescriptions for you. You need to know who will do this, so you will know whom to contact for prescriptions. They should be contacted several days before a new cassette is needed. Please talk this over with your Home & Community Care Nurse, and decide which of you will call.

Used cassettes can be returned to your pharmacy for disposal.

## Personal Hygiene

The pump must never be put in water; however, you may take a tub bath or shower.

- 1** Take the pump out of the pouch and place it into a plastic bag. Close the bag with a twist tie so the pump stays dry.
- 2** Place pump outside the tub or shower in a safe place, such as on a chair or a towel on the floor; the tubing is long enough.
- 3** When you are finished your bath or shower, remove the pump from the plastic bag and replace it into the pouch.
- 4** Do not stop your infusion or disconnect the pump in any way while you bathe.