

Infusing from a glass bottle

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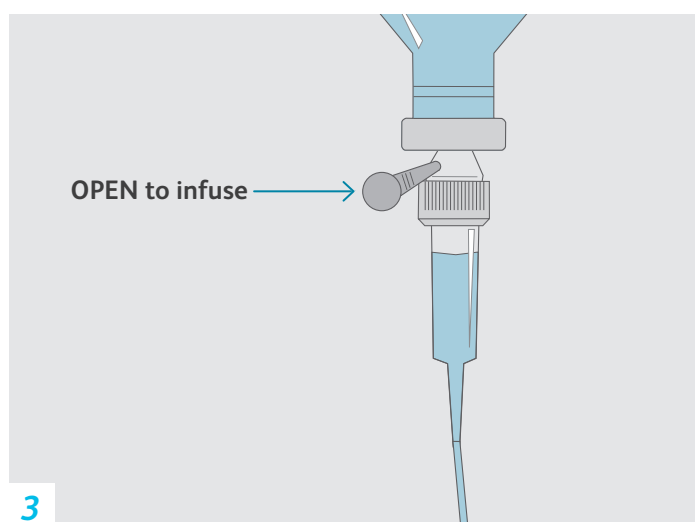
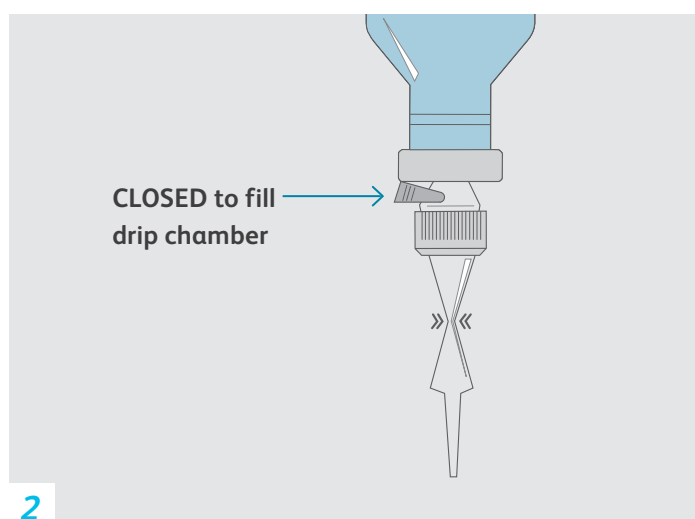
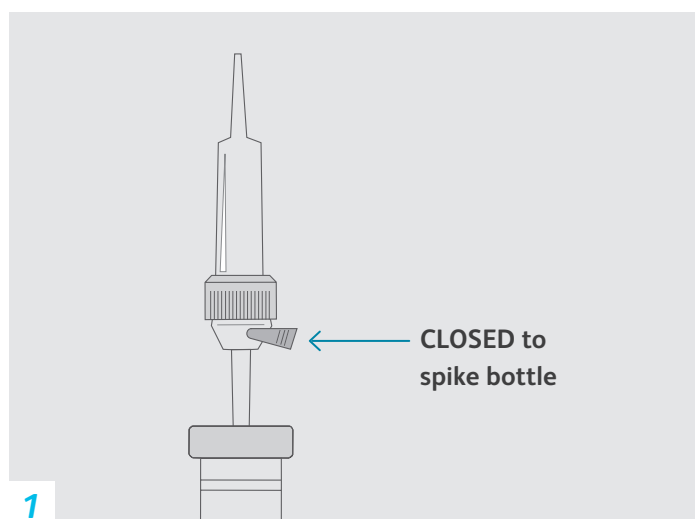
A vented/nonvented or “universal” spike allows for the use of an administration set with all types of solution containers. The vent should be open when infusing from noncollapsible containers (*glass and semi-rigid plastic*) and closed when infusing from collapsible plastic containers (*bags*).

Steps:

1. Close the roller clamp.
2. **Do not open the vent.**
3. Place the bottom of the bottle on a flat surface, with the top of the bottle facing up.
4. Remove spike protector and insert spike down into the bottle (*Figure 1*).
5. Invert the bottle and hang it from the IV pole.
6. Ensure the vent is still closed, then gently squeeze and release drip chamber to fill to $\frac{2}{3}$. (*If vent is open during drip chamber filling, fluid could wet the vent and result in slow or blocked flow or possible air bubble formation in the tubing.*) (*Figure 2*)
7. Open the vent cap (*Figure 3*).
8. Open the roller clamp and **slowly** prime the tubing; priming slowly helps minimize turbulence that can cause air bubbles to form.
9. Close the roller clamp.

Notes:

- Do not puncture or add medication through the air vent.
- Ensure vent is closed any time you spike a new bottle. If the vent is open, fluid could wet the vent and result in slow or blocked flow and possible air bubble formation in the tubing.
- Do not backprime glass or semi-rigid containers because this may also wet the vent.



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