

Caresite® Needlefree Connector Clean, Clear, Connection



Prior to Connection

All lumens of the needlefree device should be primed prior to use in order to expel any air.



Priming

To prime the Caresite needlefree device, attach a saline syringe and flush the saline through until it appears at the distal end. If priming Caresite using a Luer Lock syringe, insert the syringe tip into the valve and turn the syringe clockwise until the connection is tight. If using a Luer Slip syringe, insert and rotate approximately 1/4 turn to secure the connection.



Connecting Caresite

Securely attach the pre-primed Caresite to your chosen intravenous device.



Flush

Using a push pause technique, flush Caresite and the intravenous device with 0.9% sodium chloride in accordance with local policy.



Disconnecting

The saline flushing syringe can be disconnected using an anticlockwise motion. Only once the flushing syringe has been removed should the clamp be applied. Applying the clamp prior to detaching the flushing syringe will negate the positive fluid bolus that assists with maintaining catheter patency.



Prior to Accessing Caresite

Caresite should be cleaned prior to use using a 70% Isopropyl Alcohol and 2% Chlorhexidine disinfection wipe. Caresite should be cleaned vigorously for at least 15 seconds in accordance with epic3 guidelines¹ (or in accordance with local policy). Allow Caresite to air dry.

User Benefits

- Clear design provides visualisation that the device has been effectively flushed
- Smooth, flat surface permits effective decontamination
- Suitable for use up to 1000 accesses
- Compatible with pre-filled glass syringes contained in emergency drug boxes
- MRI compatible contains no metal

Always Remember

- Swab the Caresite valve vigorously with a 70% Isopropyl Alcohol and 2% Chlorhexidine disinfection wipe for a minimum of 15 seconds before each access
- Flush before and after use
- Select the minimum number of lumens essential for the management of the patient¹
- Clamp any lumen that is not in use



1. H.P. Lovedaya, et al., (2014). epic3: National Evidence-Based Guidelines for Preventing Healthcare-Associated Infections in NHS Hospitals in England. Journal of Hospital Infection. S1, S70