ICU - Medication Administration - IV Titratables

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This Quick Reference Guide will explain how to:

Document continuous intravenous (IV) infusions that are frequently titrated against rapidly changing physiological parameters.

Definitions:

Titratable Infusions – Titratable infusions are a type of continuous infusion that have a rate of "TITRATE". This means that the rate of the infusion can be titrated as per policy or order comments without the Medical Officer having to modify the order.

❗ Important – Always remember to:

Document the commencement of an infusion or a new bag via the Medication Administration Wizard (MAW) to allow for Positive Patient Identification (PPID).

Documenting a Rate Change

1. Click on the **MAR Pending Tile** to open the **MAR Charting window**

2. Click on **Rate Change**

3. **Modify** the **Additive dose** and the rate will autopopulate

4. Enter in Second Nurse/Midwife Details

5. Click **Apply**

6. Click **Green Tick** to sign off documentation

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Document a Bolus Administration

1. Click on the **MAR Pending Tile** to open the **MAR Charting window**

2. Click on **Bolus**

3. **Enter** the bolus voulme in mL into the **Infuse volume (mL) field** that is preticked with **Bolus**

4. Modify time range if required

5. Enter in Second Nurse/Midwife Details

6. Click **Apply**

7. Click **Green Tick** to sign off documentation

Handy Hint

The **Titratable Infusions** band in iView can be used to review titratable infusion information.

Only IV Continuous infusions will display in this band. The drugs listed in this band are not customisable.

Reviewing Titratable Infusion Information

1. Click on **Interactive View and Fluid Balance** from the Table of Contents (TOC)

2. Select **Titratable Infusions** under **Adult Quick View**

Note: to change time display right click on the date and select e.g. every hour

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Important – Always remember to:

- Verify volume against the infusion pump to double check the volume infused to ensure the Fluid Balance is correct
- Fluid balance is to be documented hourly in the Intensive Care Unit according to existing policy
- Infused volumes **cannot** be forward entered into the EMR

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Document a Volume Infused

1. Navigate to **Interactive View and Fluid Balance** and click on **Fluid Balance** band

2. In the **Continuous Infusions** section **double click** on the appropriate time cell next to the infusion that requires documentation (if blank). **Verify** the suggested volume that auto-populates for that hour – including against the infusion pump

3. In circumstances where a value is already in the cell (i.e. from a bolus or end bag task), right click the cell and select **'Chart Details'**

4. The **Charting window** will launch

5. Click on **Infuse**

6. **Enter** the infused voulme in mL into the **Infuse volume (mL)** field

7. Modify the time range if required

8. Click **Apply**

9. Click **Green Tick** to sign off documentation

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