



# Infusions – Completing a Bag By Bag Infusion – Nursing/Midwifery

## Key Messages

- Bag By Bag infusions are continuous infusions with a set duration of number of bags defined
- Use the 'End Bag' tile on the MAR to complete each bag
- When the last bag number is completed, the order will automatically discontinue
- If the order is discontinued by the medical officer before the total number of bags are completed, the final volume infused must be documented via iView and Fluid Balance

1. All infusions/new bags are **commenced** via the MAW.
2. Other infusion actions (infuse, bolus, rate change) are documented on the MAR via the 'Pending' tile
3. The **End Bag** tile is the estimated time of when the current bag will end (based on the rate).  
It displays the current bag number and total number of bags e.g. 1 of 3

sodium chloride 0.9% infusion (BAG BY BAG) 500 mL 500 mL, IV Infusion, Rate: 500 mL/hr, 3 bag(s), First dose 14/06/2023 14:05:00, Stop date 14/06/2023 17:04:00, Total volume (mL): 500		<b>End Bag</b> 1 of 3	<b>Pending</b> Last bag started: 14/06/2023 14:05 AEST	
<b>Administration Information</b> Sodium Chloride 0.9% intravenous solution				Begin Bag 500 mL 500 r

4. When the current bag is complete, click on the **End Bag** tile. Enter in the final volume infused for that bag, then click Apply, then the green tick ✓

\*Infuse volume (mL) :

5. To start the **next bag** from that order, go to the MAW again. Note the next bag number will automatically prefill
6. On the **last bag** of the order e.g. 3 of 3, click on the **End Bag** tile, enter the final infused volume (as step 4).  
And the order will automatically discontinue and drop to the bottom of the MAR

<b>Discontinued Continuous Infusions</b>
sodium chloride 0.9% infusion (BAG BY BAG) 500 mL 500 mL, IV Infusion, Rate: 500 mL/hr, 3 bag(s), First dose 14/06/2023 14:05:00, Stop date 14/06/2023 17:04:00, Total volume (mL): 500
<b>Administration Information</b>
Sodium Chloride 0.9% intravenous solution

**Note:** If verbal communication is received from Medical Officer to cease the bag by bag infusion before the total number of bags in the order are completed i.e. at end of bag 2 of 3, the Medical Officer must discontinue the infusion order and final volume infused must be documented via **iView and Fluid Balance** - as per for Truly continuous infusions.



**TIP:** If you right click on the End Bag tile, there are options to ‘Start New Bag’ or ‘Complete Order’.

- Starting a new bag should be done via the MAW to ensure scanning of patient wristband and identification,
- Complete Order – will essentially discontinue the order without prompting the user to enter the final volume infused. This will need to be done manually via iView and Fluid Balance.

<p>Sodium Chloride 0.9%</p> <p><b>sodium chloride 0.9% infusion (BAG BY BAG) 1,000 mL</b>                  1,000 mL, IV Infusion, Rate: 125 mL/hr, 3 bag(s), First dose 03/12/2020 17:27:00,                  Stop date 04/12/2020 17:26:00, Total volume (mL): 1,000</p> <p><b>Administration Information</b>                  Sodium Chloride 0.9%</p>	<p><b>End Bag</b> 3 of 3</p>	<p><b>Pending</b> Last bag started: 04/12/2020 08:56 AEDT</p> <p>Start New Bag</p> <p><b>Complete Order</b></p>
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