

## What is an Infusion?

Infusion therapy is a safe way to take medicines or fluids that cannot be taken by mouth. Instead, medications flow through a flexible tube (catheter) or needle that is usually placed in a vein or just under the skin.

Your provider may prescribe infusion therapy to treat a range of conditions such as autoimmune and immune disorders, blood disorders, heart disease and microbial infections.

## What is an Injection?

Injection therapy is a common way to deliver medications or other substances directly into the body through a needle and syringe. This allows for targeted delivery of the medication.

Injection therapy can be used for various purposes such as administering vaccines, antibiotics, hormones, pain relievers, and contrast agents for diagnostic purposes.

## What is the Difference?

The major difference between an infusion and an injection is the period of administration. **Injection Therapy** is often completed within minutes, while **Infusion Therapy** can take as little as 5 minutes or can last several hours.



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# Infusion Services

## Our Services

Sparta Community Hospital is equipped to provide top-quality infusion and injection services within the Outpatient Surgery Department. Our experienced team is administers infusion therapy for medication, hydration, and nutritional support, as well as injections for vaccinations or other medical treatments. The team also provides nursing care for complex wound vac patients and routine central line care.

## Patient Amenities

Our infusion team strives to create a warm and welcoming environment for patients. Patients can expect:

- Private rooms, with their own television and chair for caregiver;
- Complimentary Wi-Fi;
- Onsite Lab Draws;
- Heated blankets;
- Meals delivered chairside through the hospital's Café; and
- Supportive care services.



## Infusions

- Actemra
- Altepase
- Benlysta
- Blood Transfusion
- Boniva IVP
- Entyvio
- IGG
- Injestafer
- IV Antibiotics
- IV Fluids
- Orencia
- Reclast
- Remicade
- Simponi
- Venofer
- Zemaira
- Zometa

## Injections

- Aranesp
- B-12
- Eligard
- Evenity
- Firmagen SQ
- Lupron IM
- Neulasta
- Neupogen
- Nucala
- Nyvepria
- Procrit
- Prolia
- Sandostatin IM
- Testosterone IM
- Xolair Sub Q Injection x ≥ 3

## Procedures

- Chemotherapy Pump Removal
- Dressing Change
- NG Tube Change
- Peripheral Lab Draw
- PICC Insertion
- PICC Removal
- Port/PICC Flush
- Port/PICC Lab Draw
- Radiology Scan
- Straight Catheterization/Foley
- Urine Catheter Change
- Wound Vac Dressing

*\*Biosimilars of all drugs are also available.*

## Patient Referrals

1. Medical Officers should call 618-443-1336 to request a specialized order form.
2. Fax form, clinical notes, demographics and the patient's insurance card to 618-443-1367.
3. A team member will contact the referring provider to confirm receipt.
4. The patient's benefits will be verified and required prior authorizations will be obtained. Providers outside of SCHD must provide proof of prior authorization.
5. The patient will be contacted to schedule an appointment.