

Your Elastomeric Ambulatory Infusor (Baxter Infusor™)



Treatment—Systemic

My pump is a:

- 20/24 hour pump - **purple top**
- 46/48 hour pump - **dark red top**
- 7 day pump - **bright pink top**

I should check my pump every:

- 6-8 hours
- 12 hours

What is an Elastomeric Ambulatory Infusor™?

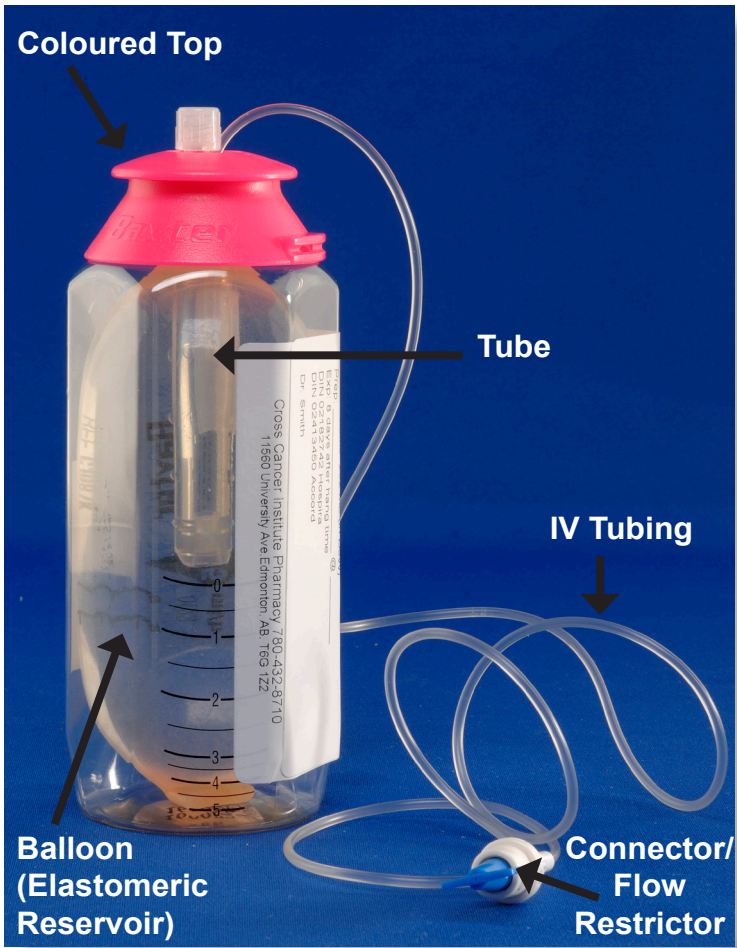
It is an elastic balloon Infusor™ that delivers your medicine to you while you do your everyday activities. You may hear it called a "baby bottle", "infusor", or "pump". You wear it in a pouch around your waist or chest area.



Pumps can have different coloured tops for different rates of medicine delivery. You should expect the same coloured top on your pump every time you have one connected.

If the colour of the top on your pump is **different than your last one**, please tell your health care team about it right away.

The parts of the pump:



How does the pump work?

The balloon gently and continuously pushes the medicine through the IV tubing and into your Venous Access Device or IV.

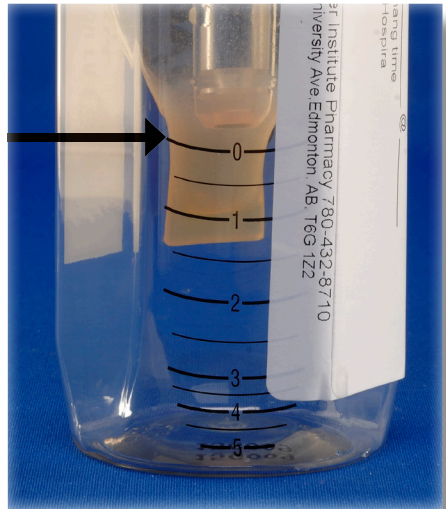
The balloon will slowly empty and get smaller as you get your medicine.

How do I check if the balloon is emptying, or getting smaller?

The balloon will empty very slowly over several hours or days. This depends on the type of pump you get.

To check if it is emptying:

- Hold the pump at your eye level and make a note of what line the bottom of the balloon is next to.
- Your health care provider will tell you how often to check the balloon. The balloon is emptying if you can see the bottom part of the balloon has moved up the lines toward the "0" and the width has gotten smaller.



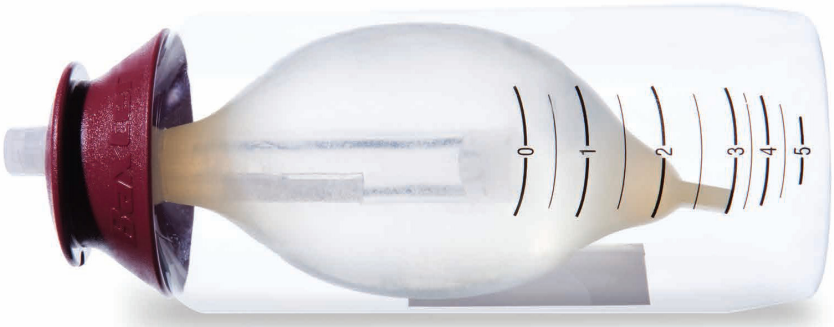
The pump is completely empty when you can see all 8 bumps (4 on each side of the tube).

Here is what a **46/48 hour pump** might look like at different stages (your pump may not look exactly the same):

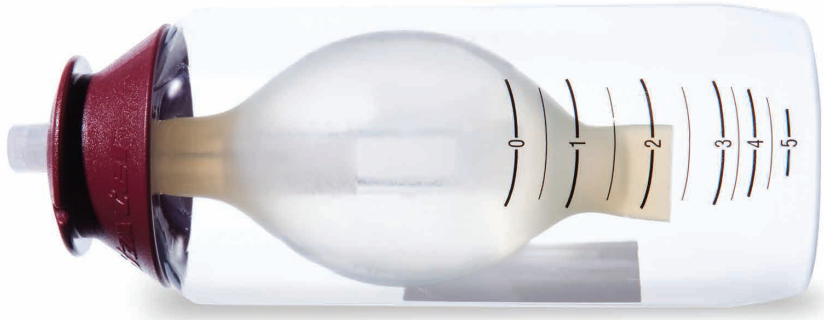
After 12 hours



After 24 hours



After 36 hours

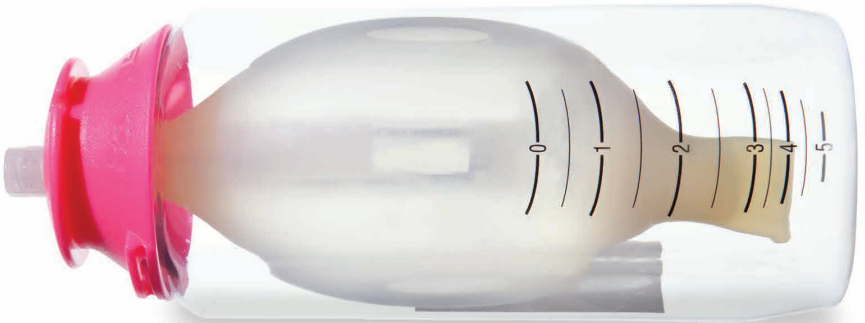


Here is what a **7 day pump** might look like at different stages (your pump may not look exactly the same):

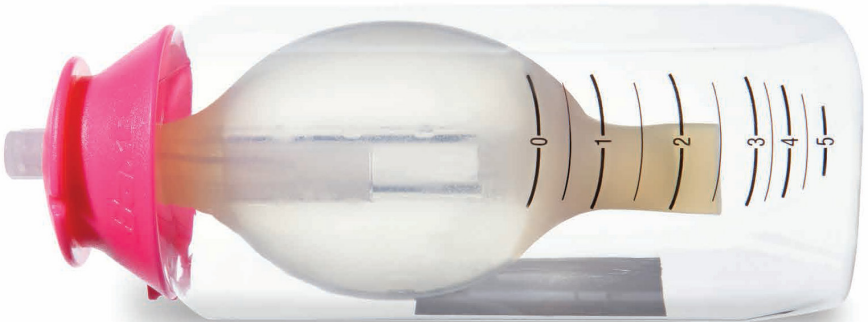
After 2 days



After 4 days



After 6 days



What do I do if the balloon is not emptying?

- Check the clamps on your Venous Access Device or IV to make sure they are open.
- Check the IV tubing to make sure it is not twisted or kinked.



If the balloon is still not emptying, phone the contact number on the back of this booklet.

What do I do if the balloon is emptying too fast?

- Clamp IV tubing
- Call the contact number on the back of this booklet.

What do I do if my pump leaks?

- Check that the connections are tight. If you need to tighten the connections, remember to wear nitrile gloves from your spill kit.
- If the pump is still leaking and you do not know how to disconnect it, phone the contact number on the back of this pamphlet.
- If it is still leaking and your nurse taught you how to disconnect your pump, you may disconnect it (see the brochure “How to Disconnect Your Elastomeric Ambulatory Infusor”).

Report any leaks or problems to your nurse or doctor right away.

What do I do with any medicine that leaks from the pump?

If the medicine leaks, do the following:

Medicine leaked on or in:	What you can do:
Your eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wash your eyes under running water for at least 10 to 15 minutes.• Keep your eyes open when you do this.• Get medical attention right away.
Your skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wash the area with soap and running water for at least 10 to 15 minutes.• Tell your health care team as soon as possible.
Your clothes or linens	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wash them separately from other clothes and linens• Wash through 2 complete washing machine cycles before you wear or use them again.
Surfaces (for example, floors and tables)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow the spill kit instructions to clean the surfaces.
Paper materials (for example Kleenex, books, magazines)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you spill medicine on paper items that you cannot clean, add them to the spill kit to return to your cancer centre for disposal.

How do I take care of my pump?



Check your pump

- Your health care provider will tell you how often to check your pump (checked off on front page).
- Make sure the connector is taped directly on your skin so it stays at skin temperature.
- Check the balloon to see if it is emptying properly (page 4). This may happen very slowly, especially for a 7 day pump. Sometimes it is hard to tell if a 7 day pump is emptying for the first couple of days, but continue with your checks.



The connector

- The connector should be close to the same level as your pump. When the connector is at the same level as the pump, the medicine flows at the proper rate.
- It is okay if the connector and the pump are not close to the same level for short periods of time (for example during a shower or during your radiation treatment).



Carrying the pump

- Keep the pump in a carrying pouch or a pocket where it will not fall out.
- Try to wear the pump at the same height as the connector.



Travel

- It is safe to travel on planes that have pressurized cabins. Ask your oncologist for a travel letter to help you get through security. Remember to take your spill kit with you.



Sleeping

- Put the pump on its side and under your pillow when you sleep. You can also leave it in the pouch and wear it around your waist.



Bathing

- Put the pump in a plastic bag or on a flat surface outside the shower or bath. Try to keep the pump close to the same level as the connector.
- Do **not** put the pump in the water or in a direct stream of water.



Temperature

- Protect the pump from heat and cold. If the pump gets too hot or cold, it will change the rate of the flow. It should stay as close to room temperature as possible.



Sunlight

- Keep the pump out of direct sunlight.



Safety for pets or children



- The pump is safe to use around pets or children.
- Make sure pets or children cannot chew or play with the pump or the IV tubing.



Sitting

- Keep the pump in your pouch or on a surface, such as a table.



Exercise

- It is OK to exercise with the pump as long as it stays close to room temperature and does not get wet.

What do I need from the Cancer Centre before I go home with my pump?

You will need:

- A spill kit, a zip lock bag and a pair of nitrile gloves.
- Phone numbers to call when you need help.



Speak Up!

Speak up if you have any questions or concerns. You are the most important member of your health care team.

Contact Information Alberta Cancer Centres:

Calgary	Telephone Triage Nurse 8:00 am – 4:00 pm 403-521-3735 Toll Free 1-866-238-3735 4:00 pm - 8:00 am Call 403-944-1110 and ask for the oncologist on call	
Edmonton	Telephone Triage Nurse 8:30am – 4pm 780-432-8919 or Toll Free 1-877-707-4848 HealthLink 4:00pm – 8:30am call 811	
Barrhead	7:45am – 4pm 780-305-3304	After hours call: 811
Bonnyville	8am – 4pm 780-826-6533	

Contact Information Alberta Cancer Centres:

Camrose	8am – 4pm 780-679-2822	After hours call: 811
Canmore	8:00am – 4:30pm 403-493-4867 403-679-7313	
Drayton Valley	7:30am – 3:45pm 780-621-4888	
Drumheller	8am – 3:30pm 403-820-7985	
Fort McMurray	8:00am – 4:00pm 780-791-6217	
Grande Prairie	8:00am – 4:00pm 780-538-7588	
High River	8:00am – 4:30pm 403-652-0139	
Hinton	8:15am – 4:30pm 780-817-5009	
Lethbridge	8:00am – 4:15pm 403-388-6800	
Lloydminster	8:00am – 4:00pm 306-820-6144	
Medicine Hat	8:00am – 4:00pm 403-529-8817	
Peace River	8:00am – 4:00pm 780-624-7593	
Red Deer	8:00am – 4:30pm 403-343-4526	

