

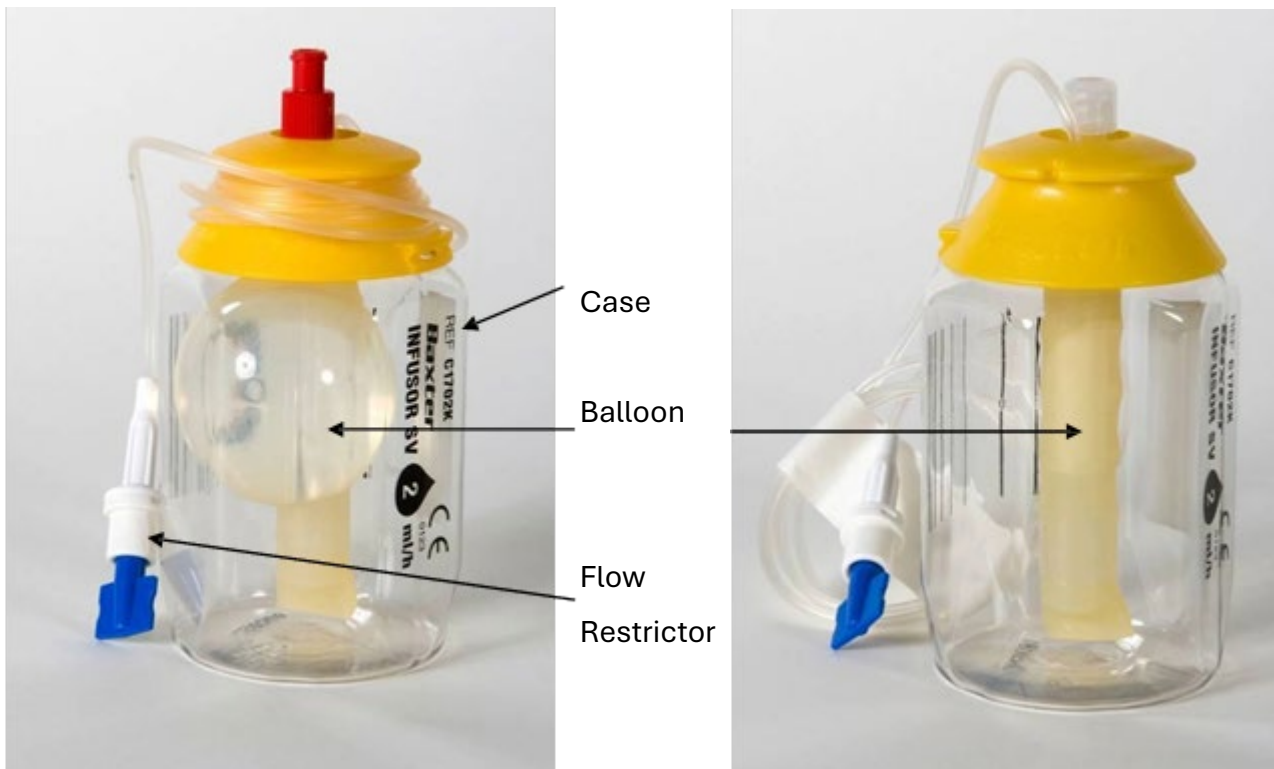
# Your INFUSOR™

## A guide for patients

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### What is an INFUSOR™ and how does it work?

- a) An infusor is a small pump that delivers chemotherapy. It is made of plastic materials.
- b) The plastic case has a balloon that holds your chemotherapy medication.
- c) The flow restrictor controls how fast your chemotherapy runs.
- d) The nurse will connect the infusor to you.
- e) The size and colour of your pump may be different to the example below. The pump you are provided will depend on the chemotherapy you are receiving. Your infusor will run over    hours.
- f) A nurse will remove the infuser when your chemotherapy is finished.



## Living with your infusor:

### Environment



- Keep the infusor in a carry bag
- Keep the infusor at room temperature
- Don't expose the infusor to direct sunlight

### Bathing



- The infusor can get a little wet, but can't be completely under water
- When bathing, place the infusor in a plastic bag to keep it out of water

### Sleeping



- Don't put the device anywhere extremely low or high (e.g. On the floor or nightstand)
- You can place the device on its side under your pillow

### Exercise



- Keep the infusor dry and at room temperature when exercising

### Children and Pets



- You can be around pets and children, however, use caution to ensure the infusor is protected from playing or chewing

### Call if:



- The balloon has not become smaller in size by the morning after it is first connected.
- Check every 12 hours and call if the balloon has not become smaller in size.
- The infusor, carry bag, tubing or dressing are damp, wet, or leaking.
- There is blood in the tube, redness, pain or swelling at the catheter site.

## How to check your infusor

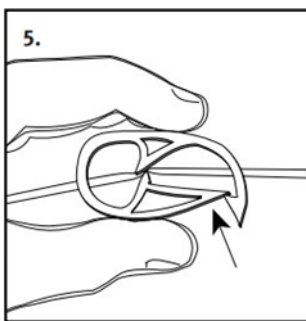
The balloon gets smaller over time as the medication is pushed. Your nurse will show you how to check (at least every 12 hours) to see if the infusor is working correctly. At each time, check to make sure:

- a) If your line has a clamp that it is open and the tube is not bent or kinked to ensure that the chemotherapy is going through
- b) The dressing is securely taped to you

\*There should be no redness, swelling or wetness. There should be no blood in the line.

## If the infusor leaks or bursts or becomes detached:

- If your line has a clamp immediately close the clamp:



The clamp looks like this when it is closed

- Use the spill kit you have been provided and follow the provided information sheet.

## For patients with a port-a-cath

- If the Gripper needle becomes dislodged clamp the line. Call the Cancer Treatment Helpline (CTH) immediately: 0800 9177711

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### Chemotherapy Spill Instructions

<https://policyonline.nhslothian.scot/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Chemotherapy-Spill-Instructions.pdf>

Information sheet for how to use your spill kit.



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