

## EMERGENCY, SAFETY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Bristol Home Infusion is committed to your therapy and safety. Please take time to review the following information. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (888) 702-3017.

### EMERGENCY

- Fire Safety:
  - The fire department recommends that all homes be equipped with smoke detectors and have exit procedures or evacuation plans. Remember not to smoke in bed and to use oxygen safely as directed.
  - In the event of fire, turn the pole mounted infusion pump off, disconnect tubing and evacuate.  
Note: If using an ambulatory infusion pump, there is no need to disconnect tubing.
- Burns, Electrocutation, Fire and Injury:
  - Close supervision is necessary when a pump is used by, or near children or invalids.
  - Use the pump only for its intended use as described in the instructions.
  - Never operate the pump if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly or if it has been dropped.
  - Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
  - Do not drop or insert objects into any opening in the pump.
  - The battery in the pump will recharge by leaving it plugged in the outlet.
  - Never pull on the electrical cord to unplug.
  - Wipe spills off pump with a damp cloth. Clean pump using only water.
  - Do not use the pump in the presence of explosives, flammable vapors or gases in the event of an emergency evacuation.
- Power Failure:
  - Enteral Pump: (Quantum or Patrol)
    - Close the roller clamp on the tubing and remove the tubing from the pump. Regulate flow of the solution by using the roller clamp to control tension.
  - Acclaim IV Infusion Pump:
    - Close the roller clamp on the tubing and remove tubing from the pump. Regulate flow of solution by using the roller clamp to control tension.
    - If the pump is not running for more than 3 hours, call the pharmacy.
    - After a power failure plug the pump in for a full 24 hours to ensure that the battery is recharged.

## **SAFETY**

- Environmental and Mobility Safety:
  - All pathways in the home need to be free of clutter or furniture to allow for safe, free movement to the exits.
  - Do not carry a pump attached to an IV pole up or down stairs while tubing is attached to a client. Caution should always be used when moving any heavy equipment.
  - It is recommended for home safety that IV poles not be pushed across loose throw-rugs.
  - Caution should be used when pushing an IV pole across carpet. Use two hands on the IV pole or, if possible, the client should be assisted while the IV pole is being moved.
- Electrical Safety:
  - Use only a three-wired extension cord that has a three-blade grounding plug and a three-slot receptacle that will accept the plug.
  - Repair or replace damaged extension cord.
  - Do not use an Octopus Plug, or plug other equipment into the same outlet with the infusion pump.
  - Connect the pump to a properly grounded outlet only. A temporary adapter may be used to connect this plug to a two-pole receptacle. Whenever the adapter is used, it must be held in place by the screw in the outlet plate.
  - Improper use of the grounding plug can result in the risk of electric shock.
- Bathroom Safety:
  - Do not use pump while bathing or place or store the pump where it can fall or be pulled into a tub or sink.
  - Do not place or drop the pump into water or other liquid.
  - If pump has fallen into water, do not reach for pump. Unplug the pump immediately.
  - Do not place glass or bottles of liquid on top of the pump.

## **DISASTER**

- Disaster Planning:
  - Bristol Home Infusion will continue to provide services as much as possible in the event of a natural or manmade disaster. Services are prioritized during a disaster according to the life-sustaining aspect of the therapy.
  - Contact:
    - ✓ Power Company: If you have electrically powered equipment, contact your local power company. Tell them you need to be placed on a priority list for power or a generator so there will be no interruption of power to your equipment.

Name and number of your local power company:

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- ✓ Telephone Company: Request to be put on an Essential Use List so you can keep in touch with your health care providers.

Name and number of your local telephone service provider:

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- Keep a cooler of ice on hand. If the power is out and the inside of your refrigerator becomes warm, medication should be placed in a cooler with ice.
- Stock up on canned goods and non perishable food items.
- Know the location of the utility shut off valves. Know the elevation of your property and the location of your homeowner's papers and insurance forms.
- Know where to tune for information from the Emergency Broadcast System or local news.

Radio:

**WXBQ-FM 96.9**  
**WXBQ-AM 980**  
**WTFM-FM 98.5**  
**WMEV-FM 93.9**

Television:

**Channel 5 – WCYB**  
**Channel 11 – WJHL**