

# Drawing Medication From an Ampule



1. Gently tap the top of the ampule with your finger. This helps make sure that all the medication is in the bottom part of the ampule.
2. Clean the neck (narrow area) of the ampule with an alcohol pad for 15 seconds. Allow it to dry.
3. Wrap a second, new alcohol pad around the top of the ampule. Snap off the top of the ampule using your finger and thumb. (Make sure to snap away from you.) Place the top of the ampule into a sharps container. Place the medication ampule upright on a flat surface.
4. Attach the filter needle to the syringe by twisting clockwise (towards the right). Take the cover off and place the cover on a clean surface.
5. Insert the filter needle into the opening of the ampule.
6. Draw back on the plunger to the amount of medication ordered.
7. Remove the needle from the ampule.
8. Remove all the air from the syringe. To do this, hold the syringe with the needle pointing straight up. Gently tap on the syringe to remove any bubbles. Then slowly push the plunger until all air is removed.
9. Carefully place the clear cover back onto the filter needle. Then remove the filter needle from the syringe by twisting counterclockwise (towards the left). Place the used filter needle and Ampule in a sharp's container.
10. Place a new non-filter needle onto the end of the syringe by twisting clockwise (towards the right).
11. If you are adding medication to an IV bag, refer to the [Adding Medication to an IV Bag](#).