

How Do I Use an Insulin Pen?



- 1. Find a clean dry area of your skin.
- 2. Remove the cover from the pen. You will be able to see the insulin in the pen.



- 3. If you are using a cloudy insulin (NPH, 75/25, or 70/30), turn it up and down to mix the insulin
- 4. Attach a new needle by peeling back the paper cover and screwing it onto the pen. It should be snug but not too tight.
- 5. Prime the pen (remove air). To do this, remove the cap from the needle. Turn the knob dose dial to 2 units. Holding the pen so the needle is up in the air, push the dial knob in. Watch the tip of the needle for a drop of insulin.
- 6. You may need to repeat the dialing to 2 units and pushing a few times until you see the drop on the needle.



- 7. Dial in your insulin dose by turning the knob clockwise until you see the right number for your dose.
- Put the needle straight into the skin quickly. The needle should be all the way into your skin.
- 9. Using your thumb, push the knob down slowly until all the insulin is in.
- 10.Count to 5 (wait about 5-10 seconds) before pulling the needle out to ensure all the insulin is delivered.



- 11. Pull the needle out of the skin.
- 12. Always remove the needle from the pen immediately after use.
- 13. Always put the cover back on your insulin pen.

Clean Up

- 1. With one hand "scoop" the cap back onto the syringe.
- 2. Place syringe or pen needle into a heavy plastic container (bleach, detergent or fabric softener bottle). Throw away this container when it is 3/4 full.
- 3. Keep extra insulin in the door of refrigerator and your current vial or pen at room temperature, for 7-42 days-check package insert.

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