

How to Dose Reduce Neulasta®



(**Dose reduce** means to give a smaller amount than what is in the syringe)

(pegfilgrastim, Fulphila®)

Your child's Neulasta® is _____ mcg = _____ mL

The effects of chemotherapy can cause a decrease of white blood cells, which can put your child at risk for infection. Neulasta® is a medication given to your child to help increase the amount of white blood cells produced

Step 1: Wash your hands with soap and water for 30 seconds. Dry them well with a paper towel.

Step 2: Gather the supplies below and place them on a clean surface.

- Pre-filled Neulasta®
- Empty sterile 1 mL syringe & needle (25 g x 5/8 inch)
- Alcohol prep pad

Step 3: Remove the empty sterile syringe from the wrapper. Pull the plunger to the _____ mL line. Do not touch the tip of the syringe. If you touch the tip of the syringe, get a new syringe and start over.

Step 4: Remove the cap from the pre-filled Neulasta® syringe. Do not touch the needle. Insert the Neulasta needle into the opening of the empty sterile syringe.

Step 5: Slowly push all of the medication into the empty syringe. Remove the syringe with the needle and place in a Sharps container or other appropriate container for needles.

Step 6: Gently tap the outside of the syringe to remove any air bubbles.

Step 7: Push out the extra medication that is not needed. Stop when you have reached the _____ mL line.

Step 8: Attach the needle to the syringe.

Step 9: Give the medication as you were taught. See *How to Give a Sub-Q Injection* handout for more information.