

THE SUGGESTED CLINICAL PATHWAY FOR REMICADE®

PREPARATION 1

10 minutes

- 1 Greet and escort patient
- 2 Give **Medication Guide** to patient*
- 3 **Weigh** patient and record. Take **initial vital signs** and record
- 4 Place patient in **reclining/IV chair**
- 5 **Assess patient** for therapy administration
- 6 **Review charts/notes** and **verify** appropriate patient screening, including TB test
- 7 **Obtain/review physician's order**
- 8 **Calculate** drug dose or **verify** dose ordered
- 9 **Gather and set-up** IV equipment
- 10 **Wash** hands; **observe universal precautions**

PREPARATION 2

10 minutes

- 1 **Assess** patient's arm for infusion site
- 2 **Prep venipuncture site**
- 3 **Perform venipuncture** with appropriate infusion access device
- 4 **Check blood return** for site patency
- 5 **Connect tubing** to IV site, **secure connection junction**
- 6 **Stabilize access device** with dressing or tape
- 7 **Start infusing saline solution**
- 8 **Assess** access site for any redness or swelling
- 9 **Reassess** patient for problems
- 10 **Reconstitute/mix** drug per package insert or notify pharmacy

ADMINISTRATION

125 minutes

This is an example of an infusion rate schedule

- 1 **Start infusion with REMICADE®** as follows
- 2 **10 mL/h x 15 minutes**
- 3 **20 mL/h x 15 minutes**
- 4 **40 mL/h x 15 minutes**
- 5 **80 mL/h x 15 minutes**
- 6 **150 mL/h x 30 minutes**
- 7 **250 mL/h x 30 minutes** or until completely infused
- 8 **Check and record** vital signs every 15 to 30 minutes during the infusion
- 9 **Monitor** patient with every rate adjustment during the infusion

COMPLETION

30 minutes

- 1 **Flush IV line with saline** to ensure REMICADE® is completely infused
- 2 **Continue to monitor** patient after infusion with REMICADE® is completely infused
- 3 **Remove venous access and observe site**
- 4 **Provide** patient with education materials
- 5 **Complete patient discharge**

POST-INFUSION

5 minutes

- 1 **Dispose** of waste materials
- 2 **Clean and straighten** room and equipment
- 3 **Complete** notes and documentation

*Patients or their caregivers should be given the Medication Guide for REMICADE® and provided the opportunity to read it and discuss questions prior to each treatment session.