

gtt = drop factor

convert hr → min

Dosage Calculation Worksheet #2

→ ALWAYS in minutes

1. The IV order is for D₅W to infuse at 100 mL/hr. The drop factor is 10 gtt/mL. How many drops per minute (gtt/min) should the pump be set to run? Round final answer to whole number.

$$\frac{100 \text{ mL}}{60} \times 10 \text{ gtt/mL} = 16.66 \rightarrow 17 \text{ gtt/min}$$

2. Medication order: Rocephin ~~1g~~ IV every ~~12 hours~~ over 30 minutes. Available: rocephin ~~1g~~ in 150 mL NS. At what rate would you set your pump?

$$\frac{150 \text{ mL}}{0.5} = 300 \text{ mL/hr}$$

3. Medication order: Vistaril 20 mg IM q4h PRN for nausea. The ~~10 mL~~ vial that you have available is labeled 25 mg/mL. How many mL will you draw up to give?

$$\begin{array}{l} D: 20 \text{ mg} \\ H: 25 \text{ mg} \end{array} \quad \frac{25 \text{ mg}}{1 \text{ mL}} \quad \frac{20}{25} \times 1 = 0.8 \text{ mL}$$

4. Medication order: Haldol 3 mg IM q6h PRN for agitation. The 1 mL vial that you have available is labeled 5 mg/mL. How many mL will you draw up to give?

$$\begin{array}{l} D: 3 \text{ mg} \\ H: 5 \text{ mg} \\ V: 1 \text{ mL} \end{array} \quad \frac{3}{5} = 0.6 \text{ mL}$$

5. Medication order: heparin 5000 units subQ every 12 hours. Drug available: heparin 10,000 units/2 mL. How many mL will you administer for the day?

$$\frac{D}{H} \times V \quad \frac{5000}{10,000} \times 2 = 1 \text{ mL}$$

6. A patient has an order for 200 mg q8h of cimetidine (Tagamet) to be administered intramuscularly. The vial of ~~8 mL~~ contains 300 mg per 2 mL. How many mL would you give q8h?

$$\frac{200 \text{ mg}}{300 \text{ mg}} \times 2 \text{ mL} = 1.3 \text{ mL}$$

7. Medication order: Garamycin 80 mg IVPB over 30 minutes. Available: Garamycin (gentamicin sulfate) 80 mg in 50 mL of D₅W. Calculate the flow rate in mL/hr.

$$\frac{80 \text{ mg}}{0.5} = 160 \text{ mL/hr}$$

8. You have an IV infusing at 125 mL/hr. How long will it take 1500 mL to infuse?

12 hr

$$\frac{1500 \text{ mL}}{x} = 125 \text{ mL/hr} \quad \frac{1500}{\div 125} \\ \underline{\quad\quad} \\ 12$$

9. Medication order: rocephin 1 g IV every 12 hours over 30 minutes. Available: rocephin 1 g in 150 mL NS. At what rate would you set your pump?

$$\frac{150}{0.5} = 300 \text{ mL/hr}$$

10. An infusion pump is set to administer 75 mL/hr to a patient. How many hours will it take for the patient to receive 600 mL of fluid?

8 hr

$$\frac{75 \text{ mL}}{x} = 600 \text{ mL} \quad \frac{600}{\div 75} \\ \underline{\quad\quad} \\ 8$$

11. A patient is to receive lidocaine hydrochloride (Xylocaine) 100 mg as an intravenous bolus. The Xylocaine is labeled 20 mg/mL. How many milliliters should be administered?

$$\frac{D}{H} \times V$$

$$\frac{100 \text{ mg}}{20 \text{ mg}} \times 1 \text{ mL} = 5 \text{ mL}$$

12. Medication order: 50 mg/kg/day. Patient weight: 85.8 pounds. The patient will receive ___ mg/day.

$$1 \text{ lb} \rightarrow \text{kg} \div 2.2 \\ 85.8 \div 2.2 = 39 \text{ kg}$$

$$50 \times 39 = 1,950 \text{ mg/day}$$

13. Medication order: Amoxicillin 2.5 mL every 8 hours. Available is Amoxicillin 250 mg/5mL. The nurse will administer how many mg for the day?

$$\frac{D}{H} \times V$$

$$\frac{(2.5 \text{ mL} \times 250) \text{ mL}}{250 \text{ mg}} = 125 \text{ mg} \times 3 = 375 \text{ mg}$$

14. Medication order: Ondansetron 2 mg – 4 mg/kg/Q 4 hours po PRN nausea. The patient weighs 66 lbs. What is the minimum amount of medication in grams that can be administered every 4 hours?

$$1 \text{ lb} \rightarrow \text{kg} \div 2.2$$

$$66 \div 2.2 = 30 \text{ kg}$$

$$2 \text{ mg} / 30 \text{ kg} = 60 \text{ mg} \rightarrow 0.06 \text{ g}$$

15. Medication order: 5 mL of normal saline is added to a vial of Lasix 20 mg/5 mL. How many milligrams of Lasix are in each millimeter of fluid?

$$\frac{1}{5} \times 20 = 4 \text{ mg} \quad \underline{\quad\quad} = 1$$