

Calculation Worksheet #2

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.

$$\frac{10 \text{ gtt}}{1 \text{ mL}} \times \frac{100 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ hr}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} = \frac{1,000}{60} = \boxed{17 \text{ gtt/min}}$$

2. 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?

$$\frac{150 \text{ mL}}{30 \text{ min}} = \boxed{5 \text{ mL/min}}$$

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?

$$\frac{20}{25} = \boxed{0.8 \text{ mL}}$$

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?

$$\frac{3}{5} = \boxed{0.6 \text{ mL}}$$

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?

$$5,000 \times 2 = \frac{10,000}{10,000} = 1 \times 2 = \boxed{2 \text{ mL}}$$

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?

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

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.

$$\frac{30 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ min}} = 0.5 \text{ hr} \quad \frac{50 \text{ mL}}{0.5 \text{ hr}} = \boxed{100 \text{ mL/hr}}$$

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

$$\frac{1500}{125} = \boxed{12 \text{ hrs}}$$

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?

$$\frac{30 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ min}} = 0.5 \text{ hr} \quad \frac{150 \text{ mL}}{0.5 \text{ hr}} = \boxed{300 \text{ mL/hr}}$$

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?

$$\frac{600}{75} = \boxed{8 \text{ hrs}}$$

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?

$$\frac{100}{20} = \boxed{5 \text{ mL}}$$

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

$$\frac{85.8}{2.2} = 39 \text{ kg} \times 50 = \boxed{1,950 \text{ mg/day}}$$

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?

$$\frac{5 \text{ mL}}{2.5 \text{ mL}} = 2.5 \text{ mL} \quad \frac{250}{2} = 125 \text{ mg/2.5 mL} \quad 125 \times 3 = \boxed{375 \text{ mg}}$$

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?

$$\frac{66}{2.2} = 30 \text{ kg} \times 2 \text{ mg} = 60 \text{ mg} = \boxed{0.1 \text{ g}}$$

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?

$$20 \text{ mg/10 mL} \quad \frac{20}{10} = \boxed{2 \text{ mL}}$$

16. Medication order: administer 1,000 mL of normal saline IV over 6 hours. At which rate should the nurse administer the medication?

$$\frac{1,000 \text{ mL}}{6 \text{ hr}} = \boxed{167 \text{ mL/hr}}$$

17. Administer gentamicin 1 G/100 mL IVPB over 1 hr. At what rate should the nurse administer the medication?

$$\frac{100 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ hr}} = \boxed{100 \text{ mL/hr}}$$

18. Administer 1,000 mL D5W to at a rate of 125 mL/hour. How many hours will it take to infuse 1 L?

$$125 \frac{\text{mL}}{\text{hr}} = 0.125 \text{ L/hr} \quad \frac{1,000}{125} = 8 \quad \frac{1 \text{ L}}{0.125 \text{ L/hr}} = \boxed{8 \text{ hrs}}$$

19. Administer heparin sodium 1,300 units/hour by IV. The pharmacy prepares the medication and delivers an IV bag 20,000 units/250 mL D5W. At what rate should the nurse administer the medication?

$$\frac{250 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ hr}} = \boxed{250 \text{ mL/hr}}$$

20. Administer D5 1/2 at 100 mL/hour. The drop factor is 15 gtt/mL. How many drops per minute (gtt/min) should the pump be set to run?

$$\frac{15 \text{ gtt}}{1 \text{ mL}} \times \frac{100 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ hr}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} = \frac{1500}{60} = \boxed{25 \text{ gtt/min}}$$

21. Medication order: Administer an IV at 30 mL/hour. The IVAC indicates that 270 mL are remaining in the present IV bag. The time is exactly 10:30 am. At what time will the infusion be completed?

$$\frac{270 \text{ mL}}{30 \text{ mL/hr}} = 9 \text{ hrs} \quad \boxed{1930 \text{ hrs}}$$

- * 22. Administer Magnesium Sulfate 2 gm/ hour IV. Sent from the pharmacy is Magnesium Sulfate 40 gm/1000 mL. The nurse should set the pump at 50 mL/hour.

$$\frac{2 \text{ gm}}{40 \text{ gm}} \times 1000 = \boxed{50 \text{ mL/hr}}$$

23. Administer Ritodrine IV 50 mcg/min. The pharmacy sent Ritodrine 150 mg premixed in 500 mL D5W. The nurse should set the IV pump at

$$\frac{1500}{1000} \text{ mL/hr} \quad \frac{1500 \text{ mL}}{1000 \text{ mcg}} \times \frac{50 \text{ mcg}}{1 \text{ min}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} \times \frac{500 \text{ mL}}{1} = \frac{1,500,000}{1,000} = 1,500$$

24. Administer Keflex 2.0 g /100 mL in D5W in thirty minutes. The nurse should set the IV pump at 200 mL/hour.

$$\frac{100}{.5} = 200$$

- * 25. Administer 1.5 L Lactated Ringers in 12 hours. Calculate the rate of flow if the drop factor is 20 gtt/mL. $12 \times 60 = 720 \text{ min}$

$$1.5 \text{ L} = 1500 \text{ mL} \quad \frac{1500 \text{ mL}}{720} \times 20 \text{ gtt/mL} = \boxed{42 \text{ gtt/min}}$$