

IM 7 Math Module

Complete the required math problems and check your answers.

Drop Factor Problems

1. Infuse 1.5 gram of a medication over 3 hours. The drug is supplied as 1.5 gram/250mL. The drip factor is 15. How many gtt/min will you infuse? (Round to the nearest whole number)

$$\frac{\text{gtt/min}}{\text{total volume}} = \frac{\text{total} \times \text{drop factor}}{\text{total volume}}$$

$$3 \text{ hrs} \times 60 = 180 \text{ min} \quad \frac{250 \times 15}{180 \text{ min}} = \frac{3,750}{180} = 20.8\bar{3} \approx \boxed{21 \text{ gtt/min}}$$

2. An order has been written to give 1 gram of a medication over 30 minutes. The drug is supplied as 1 gram/50mL. The gtt factor is 60. How many gtt/min will you infuse?

$$\frac{50 \times 60}{30} = \frac{3000}{30} = \boxed{100 \text{ gtt/min}}$$

3. The nurse is to give 500mg IV of a medication over 1 hr. The drug is supplied as 1 gram/250mL. The gtt factor is 15. How many gtt/min will you infuse? (Round to the nearest whole number)

$$\frac{250 \text{ mL} \times 15}{60 \text{ min}} = \frac{3750}{60} = 62.5 \text{ gtt/min} \approx \boxed{63 \text{ gtt/min}}$$

4. The patient is to receive 400 mg IV of a medication over 1 hour. You receive an IV bag from the pharmacy labeled 400 mg in 100 mL D5W. The IV tubing delivers 12 gtt/mL. How many drops per minute (gtt/min) will the nurse deliver?

$$\frac{100 \text{ mL} \times 12}{60} = \frac{1200}{60} = \boxed{20 \text{ gtt/min}}$$

mL/hr Infuse over time

5. The physician writes an order to give 1000mL of intravenous fluid over 8hrs. How many mL/hr will you infuse?

$$\frac{1000 \text{ mL}}{8 \text{ hr}} = \boxed{125 \text{ mL/hr}}$$

6. Infuse 1000 mLs of intravenous fluid over 4 hrs. How many mL/hr will you set on the pump?

$$\frac{1000}{4} = \boxed{250 \text{ mL/hr}}$$

7. A physician orders 1000 mg of a medication to be given every 6 hours over 1.5 hours. The medication is delivered with 1000 mg in 250 mL. How many mL/hr will you set the pump? (Round to the nearest whole number)

$$\frac{250 \text{ mL}}{1.5 \text{ hr}} = 166.\bar{6} \approx \boxed{167 \text{ mL/hr}}$$

IV Push

8. An order is received for 75mcg IV push of a medication now. The drug is supplied as 100mcg/2mL. How many mL will you give?

$$\frac{75 \text{ mcg}}{100 \text{ mcg}} \times 2 \text{ mL} = 0.75 \times 2 \text{ mL} = \boxed{1.5 \text{ mL}}$$

9. The patient is to receive 5mg of a medication IV push. The drug is supplied as 20mg/5mL. How many mL will you give? (Do not round your final answer)

$$\frac{5 \text{ mg}}{20 \text{ mg}} \times 5 \text{ mL} = 0.25 \times 5 \text{ mL} = \boxed{1.25 \text{ mL}}$$

10. The order is to give 2mg IV push of a medication now. The drug is supplied as 10mg/1mL. How many mL will you give?

$$\frac{2 \text{ mg}}{10 \text{ mg}} \times 1 \text{ mL} = \boxed{0.2 \text{ mL}}$$

$$\text{mcg/kg/min} = \frac{\text{med conc. (mcg/mL)} \times \text{infusion rate (mL/hr)}}{\text{weight (kg)} \times 60 (\text{min/hr})}$$

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$$175 \div 2.2 = 79.54$$

$$\approx 79.5 \text{ kg}$$

↑ Mcg/kg/min or Mcg/min

$$\frac{100 \text{ mcg/mL} \times 142 \text{ mL/hr}}{79.5 \text{ kg} \times 60} = \frac{14200}{4770} = 2.97692 \approx 3$$

$$\frac{500 \text{ mL}}{5 \text{ hrs}} = 100 \text{ mL/hr}$$

11. The patient is receiving an intravenous medication currently infusing at 142 mL/hr. The IV bag of reads 50 mg in 500 mL D5W. The patient weighs 175 lbs. How many mcg/kg/min are infusing? (Round to the nearest tenth)

$$\boxed{3 \text{ mcg/kg/min}}$$

$$\frac{50,000 \text{ mcg}}{500 \text{ mL}} = 100 \text{ mcg/mL}$$

12. The physician has ordered a medication that states to start at 1 mcg/kg/min and titrate as needed. The IV bag of medication contains 250 mg in 500 mL D5W. The patient weighs 70 kg. How many mL/hr should the IV pump be set at to achieve the starting dose? (Round to the nearest whole number)

$$\frac{70 \text{ kg} \times 1 \text{ mcg/kg/min} \times 60 \text{ min/hr}}{250 \text{ mg} / 500 \text{ mL}} = \frac{4200}{500} = 8.4 \approx 8 \text{ mL/hr}$$

$$\frac{250 \text{ mg}}{500 \text{ mL}} = 0.5 \text{ mg/mL}$$

13. The patient is currently receiving a medication at 12 mL/hr. The bottle reads 100 mg in 250 mL D5W. How many mcg/min is the patient receiving?

$$\frac{100 \text{ mg} \times 12 \text{ mL/hr}}{250 \text{ mL} \times 60 \text{ min/hr}} = \frac{1200}{1500} = 0.8 \text{ mg/min} = 80 \text{ mcg/min}$$

$$\frac{100 \text{ mg}}{250 \text{ mL}} = 0.4 \text{ mg/mL}$$

14. The physician has ordered a medication to start at 2 mcg/kg/min. The patient weighs 165 lbs. The IV bag reads 800 mg in 500 mL D5W. What rate would the nurse set on the infusion pump? (Round to the nearest tenth)

$$\frac{75 \text{ kg} \times 2 \text{ mcg/kg/min} \times 60}{800 \text{ mg} / 500 \text{ mL}} = \frac{9000}{1600} = 5.625 \approx 5.6 \text{ mL/hr}$$

$$\frac{800 \text{ mg}}{500 \text{ mL}} = 1.6 \text{ mg/mL}$$

15. The physician has written an order to increase the medication to 4 mcg/kg/min. The IV bag reads 64 mcg/mL. What rate would the nurse set on the IV pump? (Round to the nearest tenth)

$$\frac{4 \times 60}{64} = \frac{240}{64} = 3.75 \approx 3.8 \text{ mL/hr}$$

$$\frac{15}{60} = 0.25 \text{ mL/min}$$

16. The patient is on a medication drip infusing at 15 mL/hr. The label reads 50 mcg/mL. The patient weighs 65 kg. How many mcg/min is the patient receiving? (Do not round)

$$0.25 \times 50 = 12.5 \text{ mcg/min}$$

↑ Heparin/Insulin or mg/hr

$$\text{mL/hr} = \frac{\text{mL (kg)} \times \text{dose (mcg/kg/min or mg/min)} \times 60 (\text{min/hr})}{\text{med conc (mg/mL)}}$$

17. The physician orders a heparin infusion at 500 units/hr. The IV bag of medication reads 25,000 units in 250 mL D5W. How many mL/hr should be showing on the IV pump?

$$\frac{500}{10} = 50 \text{ mL/hr} \quad \frac{5000}{1000} = \frac{5 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ L}} = 5 \text{ mL/hr}$$

$$\frac{25000 \text{ units}}{250 \text{ mL}} = 100 \text{ units/mL}$$

18. The patient is on a regular insulin drip infusing at 5 units/hr. The bag is labeled 100 units in 250 mL NS. At what rate should the pump be infusing? Round to the nearest whole number.

$$\frac{5}{0.4} = 12.5 \approx 13 \text{ mL/hr}$$

$$\frac{100 \text{ units}}{250 \text{ mL}} = 0.4 \text{ units/mL}$$

Burns (Parkland Formula) Do not round weights

$$4 \text{ mL} \times \% \text{ TBSA} \times \text{weight (kg)}$$

19. A 200-pound patient presents to the emergency department with 50% total body surface area (TBSA) burn. How many liters of fluid would be given in the first 24 hours? (Round to the nearest whole number)

$$19,180 \times 1000 = 19,180,000 \approx 19 \text{ L}$$

$$200 \rightarrow 90.9 \text{ kg}$$

20. A 150-pound patient presents to the emergency department with 75% total body surface area (TBSA) burn. How many liters of fluid would be given in the first 24 hours? (Round to the nearest whole number)

$$4 \text{ mL} \times 68.2 \text{ kg} \times 75 = 20460 \text{ mL} / 1000 = 20.46 \approx 20 \text{ L}$$

$$150 \rightarrow 68.2 \text{ kg}$$