

Cambridge English for Nursing

GLOSSARY

UNIT 7

Intravenous infusions

Medical term		Definition	Translation
additive		any substance which is added to another substance to improve it or prevent deterioration	
Dextrose		a sugar which is the most common form of glucose	
erythema		redness of the skin caused by injury or infection	
fluid intake		fluid which enters the body by mouth, by feeding tube, rectally or intravenously	
IV giving set		a piece of medical equipment which is inserted into a bag of IV solution and connects to the patient via an intravenous line through an intravenous cannula	
infiltration		fluid accumulation in the tissues in excess amounts . Also called <i>tissuing</i>	
IVC		intravenous cannula; a flexible tube that is inserted into a blood vessel to administer a substance such as a medication , also called <i>Venflon</i>	
intravenous fluids		fluids which are administered through a vein, also called <i>IV fluids</i> or <i>drip</i>	
intravenous infusion		a solution which is usually contained in a litre bag, also called a <i>bag</i>	
Intravenous Prescription Chart		a chart which is used by a doctor to order IV fluids for a patient, also called <i>Intravenous Fluids Order</i>	
N/S		Normal Saline; a solution of sodium chloride at 0.9% concentration, which resembles the concentration in the blood, also called <i>isotonic solution</i>	
nosocomial		resulting from treatment in a hospital but not related to the original disease, also called <i>hospital-acquired</i>	
phlebitis		inflammation of a vein	
PICC		Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter; a catheter which is inserted in a peripheral vein and then guided through larger veins towards the heart until the tip rests in the superior vena cava	
preloaded infusion		an infusion which already contains an additive, e.g. potassium chloride (KCl)	
staphylococcus (pl. staphylococci) abbrev staph.		a group of bacteria which cause local infections and other serious infections	
to take down a line		to remove an IV infusion	
TKVO/KVO		to keep the vein open; fluid which is given at a very slow rate via an IV infusion so that the IV line can continue to be used for IV injections or infusions.	