

## **Information for carers:**

# CADD™-SOLIS and CADD™-SOLIS VIP infusion pumps

Infusion pumps deliver medicines under the skin at a steady rate throughout the day and night.

## Why is an infusion pump used?

An infusion pump is a safe, reliable and painless way to deliver medicine to help manage symptoms such as pain.

The pumps are used when oral medicine is:

- Not able to be swallowed easily
- Unlikely to be absorbed well in the gut.

# Program Manually Non-Library Protocol Units ml. Home Press 'select' to edit Continuous Rate 1 ml./hr PCA Dose 0 ml. Reservoir Vol. 24 ml. Reports Tasks

# How does an infusion pump work?



The medicine is then absorbed into the body.

- 1. The infusion pump is a small battery-operated device.
- 2. Attached to the pump is a cassette containing medicine as prescribed by the doctor or nurse practitioner.
- 3. The medicine is pumped from the cassette through tubing.
- 4. The tubing is connected to a plastic cannula placed under the person's skin.
- 5. The place where the cannula enters the skin is called the insertion site.

# How you can help

### Check the insertion site a few times a day

- Contact your nurse if you notice:
  - Swelling
  - Tenderness
  - Redness
  - Leakage around the insertion site
  - The cannula has come out of the skin
  - The clear waterproof dressing is not holding the cannula in place

### Check the pump a few times a day



You do not need to check the pump overnight.

· Make sure:

The green light on the pump is flashing



The pump is not alarming or showing an amber light



The tubing is not leaking





Contact your nurse if you have any concerns.

### Remember



A pouch or holster can be used to carry the pump if the person is moving around.



The pump is not waterproof.

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