

## Home IV: Pain Management

With the development of sophisticated delivery systems, pain management regimens can be safely and conveniently administered in the comfortable surroundings of the patients' own home.

### *Common diagnoses for home IV pain management:*

- Advanced cancer, AIDS, end-stage disease states
- Low back pain, neck pain, chronic headaches
- Arthritis rheumatism, TMJ
- Post-surgical pain
- Other conditions resulting in severe, chronic pain

### *Advanced techniques:*

- Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) and other forms of continuous infusion provide the patient with safe and reliable methods of self-administration.
- Bolus dose capability is available in addition to continuous PCA.
- A variety of permanent or temporary access routes are available – including intravenous, subcutaneous, epidural, and intrathecal.

### *Advantages of home IV pain management:*

- Patients are more comfortable, often recover fast and experience fewer complications.
- Home IV therapy costs considerably less than hospital-administered therapy.
- Enhanced quality of life:  
Patients of home IV therapy are able to enjoy routine activities, hobbies, and in many cases, are able to return to work.



## *NuCara Home Parenteral Services:*

- NuCara professionals assess and monitor patients on a case-by-case basis, coordinating therapy with the patient's physician, local nursing agencies, and family members.
- NuCara utilizes nurses with infusion training and experience, and provides training for area nursing agencies.
- Complete patient training in appropriate self care is provided; this training includes family members who may participate as caregivers.
- NuCara's services include the personal delivery of all needed equipment and supplies, and 24-hour, on-call availability.

To refer a patient, please contact a NuCara Pharmacy near you for an immediate free assessment.



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