

Owner:

Patient:

Insulin Protocol:

- Keep insulin refrigerated and away from sunlight.
- Roll the bottle of insulin between your palms, keeping bottle horizontal
- DO NOT SHAKE vigorously. You want to prevent foam formation because this will make dosing inaccurate.
- When filling the syringe, invert the bottle and keep all air bubbles out of syringe
- If the insulin is left out of the refrigerator for hours or even a day, it is not instantly ruined. Sunlight exposure is more detrimental to the integrity of insulin. This is not recommended, however, because the more it happens the less effective the insulin will be. If you have any questions please call.

Injection Protocol:

- Always use a new needle and syringe
  - Do not use alcohol on the skin. Inject into dry skin.
  - While pinching a small area of skin, insert the needle into the “tenting” area
  - Pull back on the plunger (aspirate) to see if any blood is present
  - If no blood, then inject the insulin
  - If blood present, then pull syringe out of skin and start over in different spot
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- Every morning, while eating, give \_\_\_ units subcutaneously (SQ)
  - Every evening, 12 hours after morning injection and while eating give \_\_\_ units, SQ
  - If refuses to eat during a dose, give ½ the dose at that time and resume normal dosage at next treatment if resumes eating at/before the next treatment. You do not want to give insulin if the dog has not eaten because their glucose level will go too low.
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- Signs of Hypoglycemia (too low sugar level): weakness, drooling, dizziness, breathing heavy, depression, comatose, seizures. If any of these signs are noted, give syrup or other form of sugar orally and call me for further treatment.