



Human Normal Immunoglobulin (10%)  
Recombinant Human Hyaluronidase

# Infusing HyQvia<sup>®</sup> treatment directly from vials with a peristaltic infusion pump

## A step-by-step guide for patients and caregivers

Additional information following training from your healthcare team

**HyQvia** is prescribed as replacement therapy to patients who do not have sufficient antibodies, including the following groups:

- Patients with an inborn inability or reduced ability to produce antibodies (primary immunodeficiencies)
- Patients who have developed an inability or reduced ability to produce antibodies (secondary immunodeficiencies) due to disease or environmental factors who suffer from:
  - Severe or recurrent infections
  - Ineffective antimicrobial treatment
  - And either problems with their antibodies (also known as proven specific antibody failure or PSAF) or a serum level of <4 g/l of an antibody called IgG

**HyQvia** is indicated for the treatment of chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) as maintenance therapy (after stabilisation with IVIg).

You can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine by reporting any side effects you may get. See the end of section 4 of the Package Leaflet for how to report side effects.

This guide is intended for use after a patient has been prescribed **HyQvia**



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# Introduction

## Infusion overview

You have received this step-by-step guide because your healthcare professional has prescribed **HyQvia** treatment for you or the person you are caring for. This guide is designed to help you infuse **HyQvia** using a peristaltic infusion pump. Use this guide for the direct-from-vial method. If you have any questions or concerns about how to infuse **HyQvia**, please discuss them with your healthcare professional.

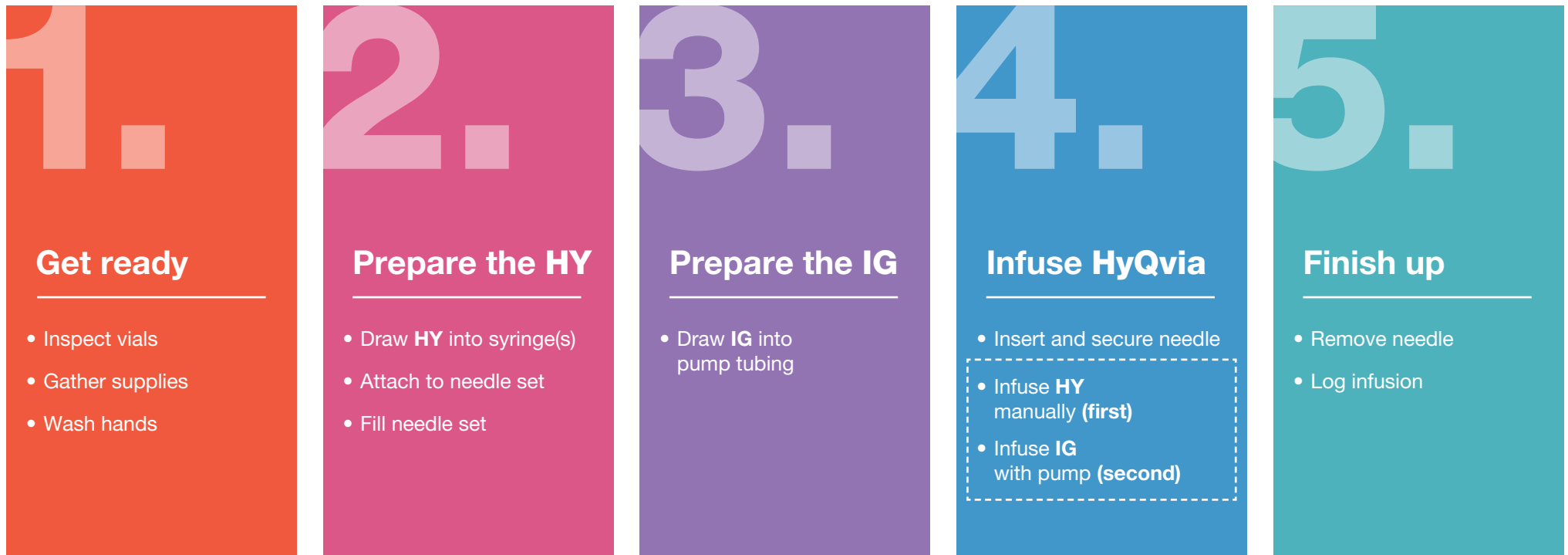
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Healthcare professional name and phone number:

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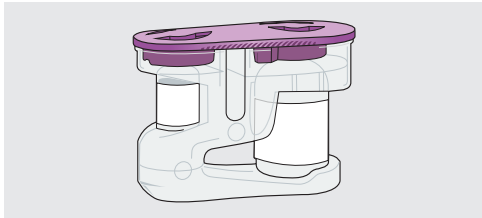
## The 5 steps to infusing HyQvia treatment



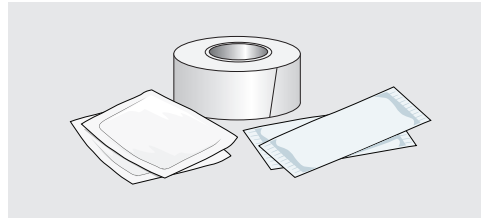
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# What you'll need

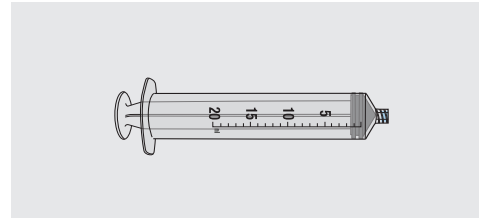
Below are the supplies you'll need to infuse **HyQvia** treatment. Your supplies may look slightly different.



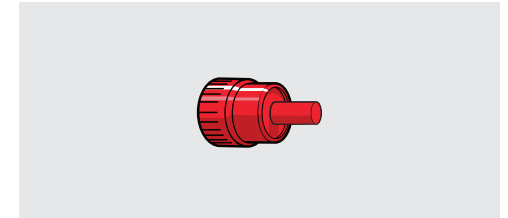
**HyQvia** vial(s)



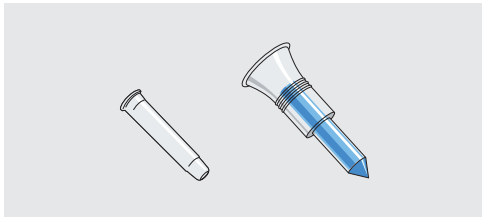
Alcohol swabs, tape and clean, sterile bandage\*



20 mL syringe(s)<sup>†</sup>



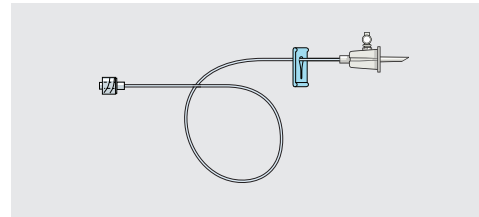
Optional: sterile tip caps (one per syringe)<sup>1</sup>



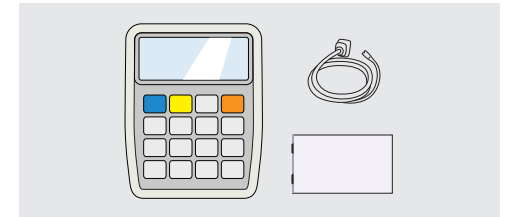
Non-vented device (one per **HY** vial)



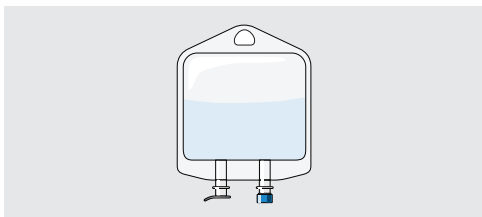
Subcutaneous needle set with a sterile dressing (one per infusion site)<sup>2</sup>



Vented pump tubing



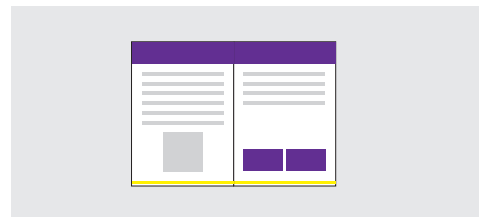
Peristaltic infusion pump, power supply and manual



Optional: saline infusion bag (if required by your healthcare professional)<sup>3</sup>



Sharps container

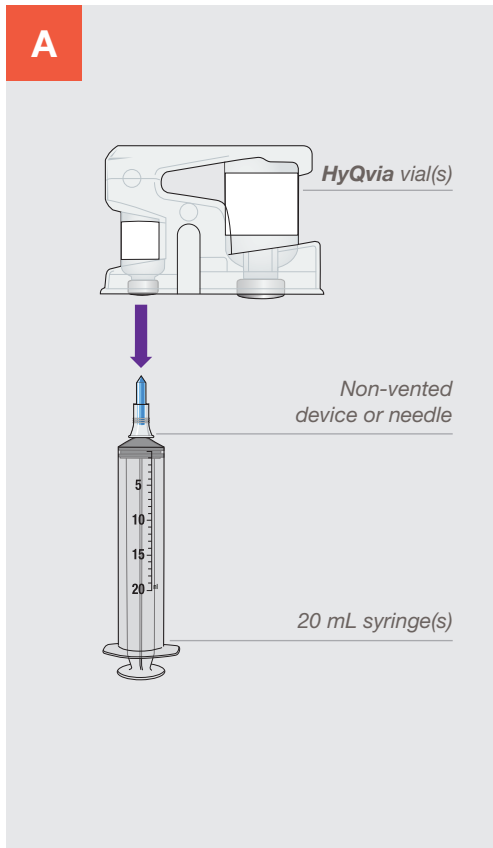


Logbook

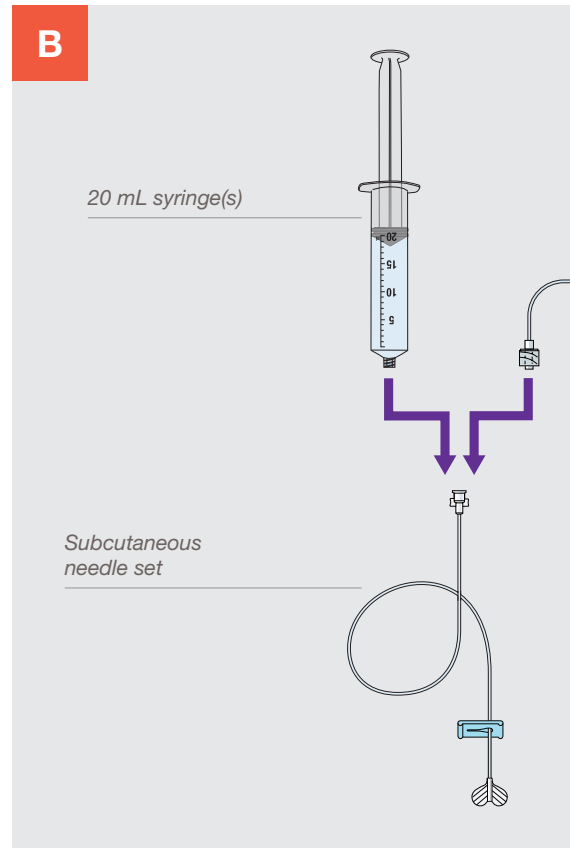
\*Wear gloves if instructed by your healthcare professional.  
<sup>†</sup>These are the recommended syringe volumes.

<sup>1</sup>Sterile caps not used in Ireland.  
<sup>2</sup>Bifurcated needles are used in Ireland.  
<sup>3</sup>Saline infusion bags are not used in practice in Ireland.

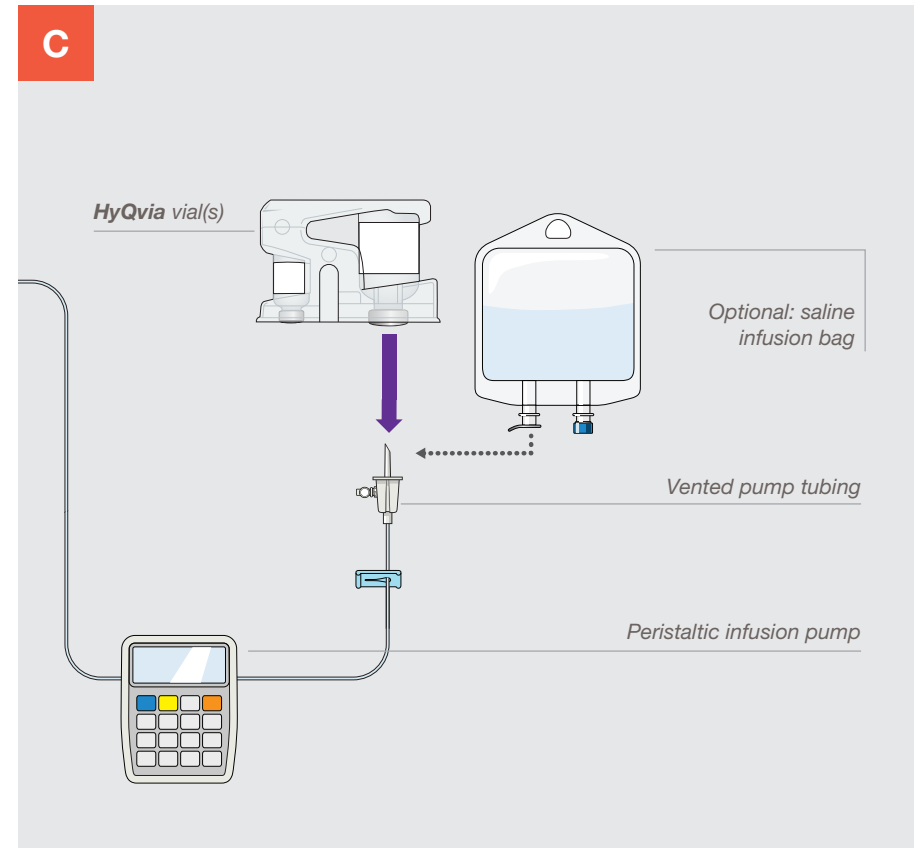
# How they fit together



Transfer the **HY** into the syringe(s)



Infuse the **HY** manually (**first**)<sup>1</sup>



Infuse the **IG** using the peristaltic pump (**second**)<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Bifurcated needles are used in Ireland.

<sup>2</sup>Saline infusion bags are not used in practice in Ireland.

**STEP 1**

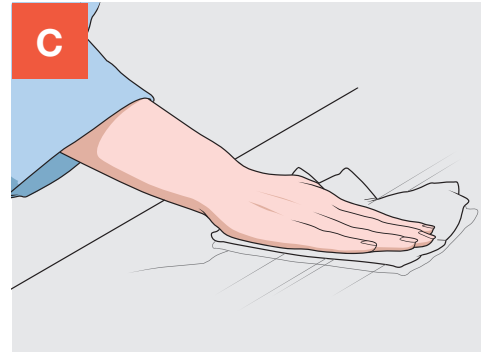
# Get ready



Remove **HyQvia** from the box and inspect it. A purple protective cap is on the dual vial unit. Do not use the product if it does not have the cap. Check the colour and expiry date. Make sure the liquid isn't cloudy and doesn't have particles in it. Allow **HyQvia** to reach room temperature (this may take up to 60 minutes). Do not use heating devices including microwaves. Do not shake **HyQvia**.



Gather your supplies.



Clean your work area.



Wash your hands thoroughly.



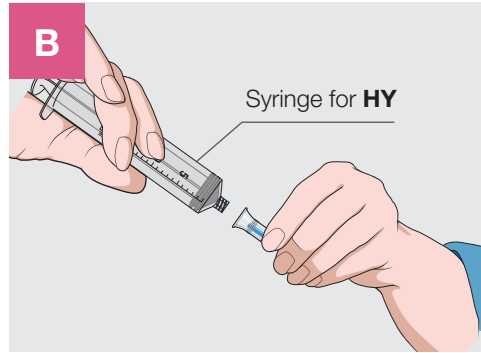
Open supplies as instructed by your healthcare professional.

**STEP 2**

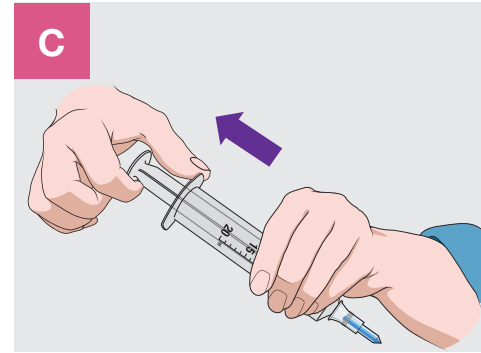
# Prepare the HY



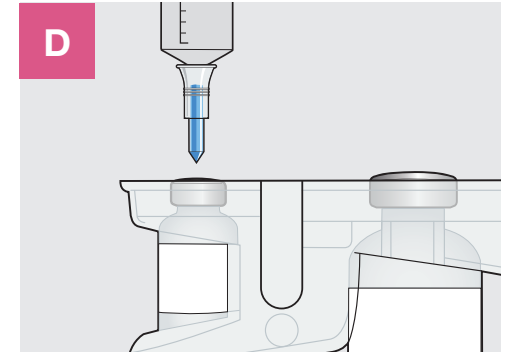
Remove the cap. Clean each vial of **HY** by wiping the stopper with an alcohol swab and allowing to dry for at least 30 seconds.



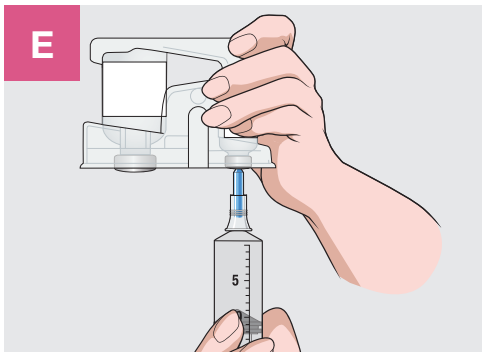
Remove the 20 mL sterile syringe from its package.\* Attach a non-vented device to the syringe.



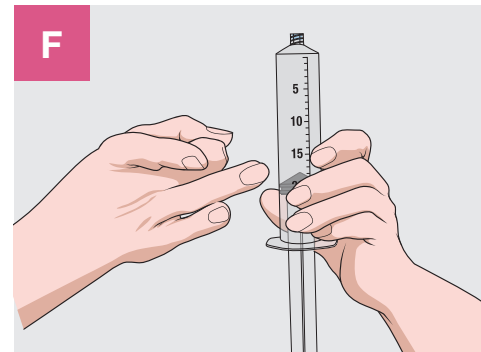
Pull back on the plunger to fill the syringe with air (an amount equal to the full amount of **HY**).



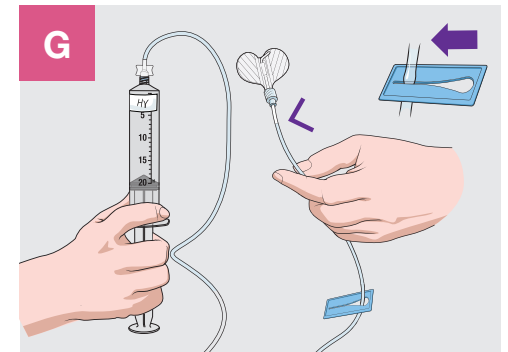
Insert the non-vented device into the centre of the **HY** vial stopper. Push the air into the vial.



Turn the vial upside down. Pull back on the plunger to withdraw all of the **HY** into the syringe. Repeat steps C to E if more than one vial of **HY** is needed for your dose. **Use the same syringe, if possible.**



When the full dose has been transferred into the syringe, hold the syringe upright and **gently tap it to remove air bubbles**. Then slowly push the plunger until the **HY** reaches the tip of the barrel.



Attach the subcutaneous needle set to the **HY** syringe. Slowly push the plunger to fill the needle set tubing to the needle wings. Close the clamp on the needle set tubing.<sup>2</sup>

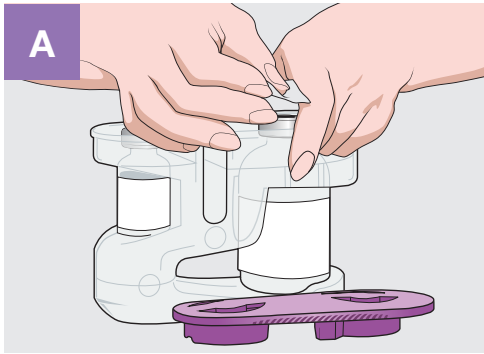
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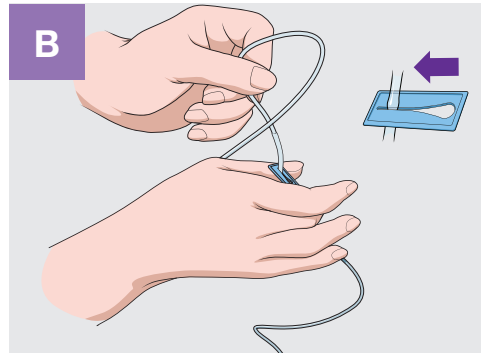
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**STEP 3**

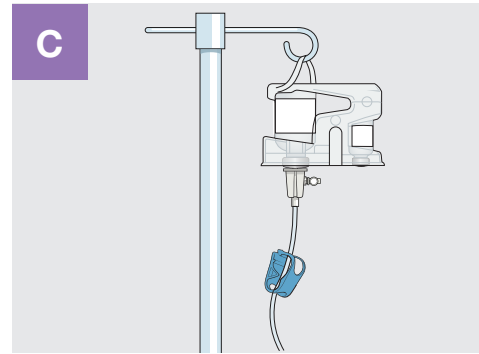
# Prepare the IG



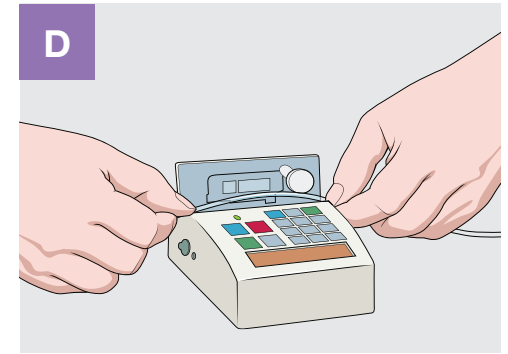
Clean each vial of **IG** by wiping the stopper with an alcohol swab and allow to dry for at least 30 seconds.



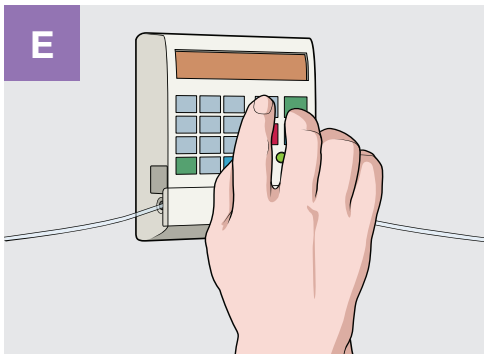
Close the clamp on the vented pump tubing.



Insert the spike of the vented pump tubing straight down into the **IG** vial stopper. Turn the vial upside down and hang it from an intravenous pole or hook.



Fill the vented pump tubing with **IG**, as instructed by your healthcare professional.

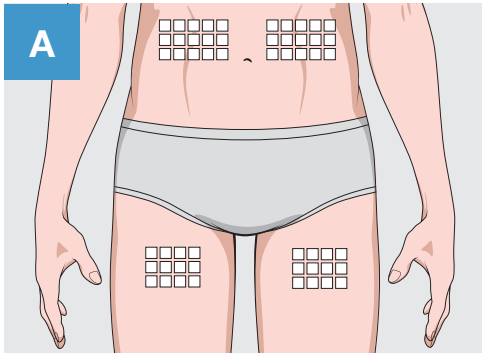


Following the manufacturer's instructions, programme the pump for the prescribed infusion flow rates. Turn off the pump.

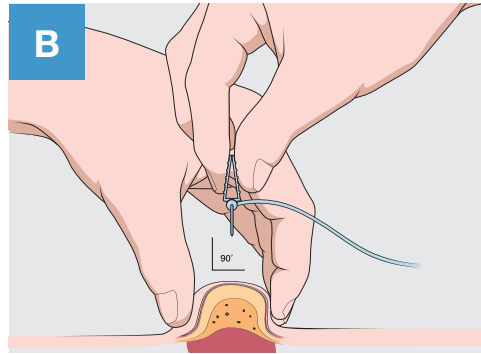
**STEP 4**

# Infuse HyQvia

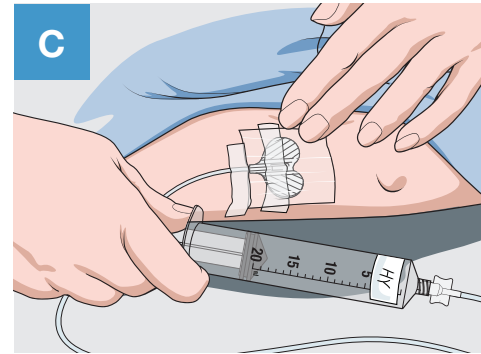
**Remember: HY before IG**



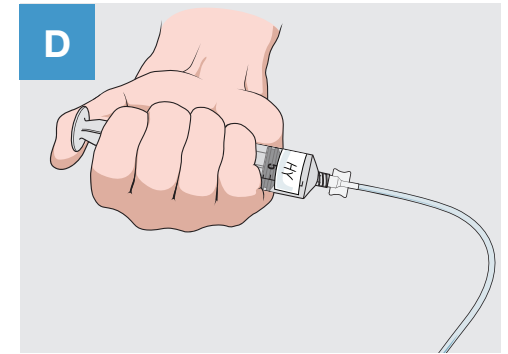
Choose an infusion site (or sites) in either the abdomen or thigh. Avoid bony areas, visible blood vessels, scars and any areas of inflammation or infection. Rotate your infusion sites to opposite sides of the body between infusions.\* **Clean the infusion site(s) with an alcohol swab**, as instructed by your healthcare professional. Allow to dry for at least 30 seconds.



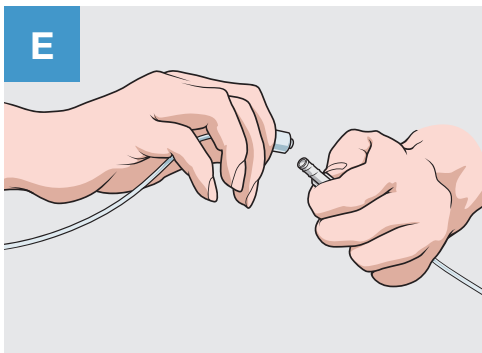
Remove the subcutaneous needle cover. Pinch at least 2.0 to 2.5 cm of your skin. Insert the needle with a rapid motion straight into the skin at a 90-degree angle. Open the needle set wings and secure the needle in place with a sterile dressing.<sup>1</sup>



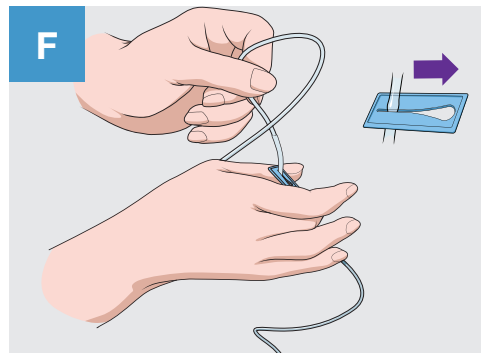
If more than one infusion site is used, repeat steps A through C. Open the clamp on the needle set. Check for proper needle placement before starting the infusion, as instructed by your healthcare professional.<sup>2</sup>



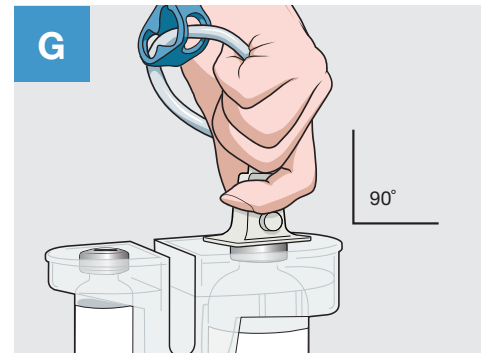
Slowly push the plunger of the smaller syringe with the recombinant **HY** at an initial rate of 1 to 2 mL per minute and increase as tolerated. Check infusion site(s) occasionally throughout the infusion for dislodgement or leaking.



When all of the **HY** has been infused, remove the syringe and attach the same subcutaneous needle set to the vented pump tubing. Do not remove the needle from your infusion site(s).



Open the clamp on the vented pump tubing and start the pump to infuse the **IG** at the rate prescribed by your healthcare professional. **The IG infusion should be started within 10 minutes after completing the HY infusion.**



When the vial is empty, pause the pump and reprogramme if needed. Insert the spike of the vented pump tubing into the next cleansed **IG** vial. Then restart the pump. Repeat for each remaining **IG** vial.

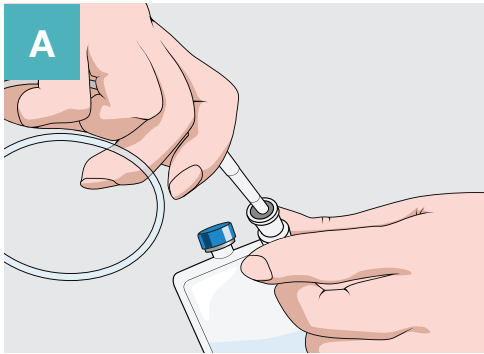
\*For patients with a body weight of <40kg, select sites on opposite sides of body if instructed to infuse in up to 3 sites for doses above 300 mL. For patients with a body weight of >40kg, select sites on opposite sides of body if instructed to infuse in up to 3 sites for doses above 600 mL.

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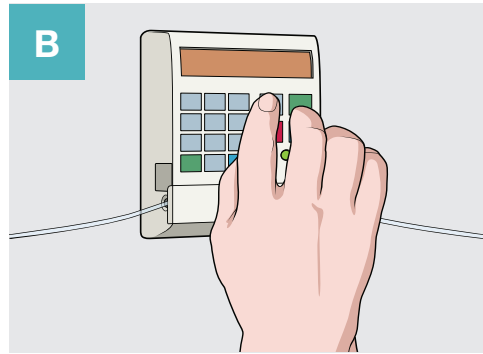
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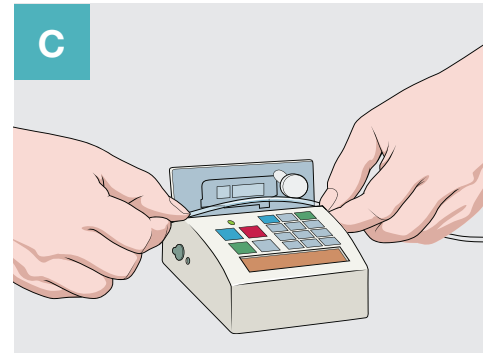
# Finish up



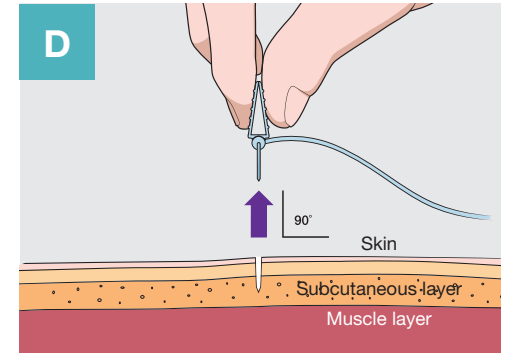
If instructed to do so by your healthcare professional, when the last **IG** vial is empty, remove it and attach the saline infusion bag to the vented pump tubing.<sup>1</sup>



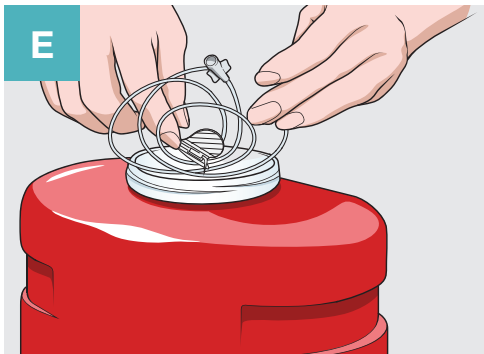
Restart the pump to flush the **IG** up to the needle wings.<sup>1</sup>



Turn off the pump and close the clamp on the vented pump tubing. Remove the tubing from the pump.



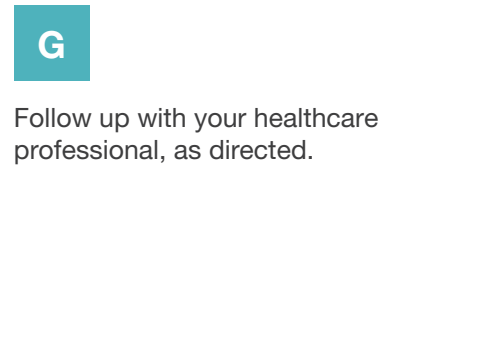
Remove the subcutaneous needle set by loosening the sterile dressing on all edges. Pull the needle wings straight up and out. Gently place the clean, sterile bandage over the infusion site.<sup>2</sup>



Dispose of the needle set in the sharps container and throw away any unused product in the vial and disposable supplies, as recommended by your healthcare professional.



Record the infusion details in your logbook.



Follow up with your healthcare professional, as directed.

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## What it looks like when you infuse HyQvia treatment

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Following your infusion with **HyQvia**, you may experience swelling at the infusion site. Swelling should only last for a few days.

### Before, during and after HyQvia treatment

Example of a patient on **HyQvia**. Your body may react to your **HyQvia** infusion in the same way, or differently.



Before **HyQvia** infusion



Right after **HyQvia** infusion

**HyQvia** infused: 235 mL (volume infused as per the healthcare professional's guidance based on this patient's specific clinical condition; it may be different for you).



24 hours after infusion

## What are the possible side effects of HyQvia treatment?

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Local site reactions occur at the infusion site. These reactions usually go away within a few days. The most common local side effects include: infusion site pain, including mild-to-moderate discomfort and tenderness, redness, swelling, itching, hardening and rash.

**In clinical studies, there were no long-term changes to the skin. Any long-term inflammation, lumps (nodules), or inflammation that occurs at the infusion site and lasts more than a few days should be reported to your healthcare professional. Do not infuse HyQvia into or around an infected or red swollen area of skin because it may cause the infection to spread.**

Generalised side effects are not limited to the infusion site and can occur throughout the body. The most common generalised side effects include: headache, tiredness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, muscle or joint pain, chest pain, fever and feeling weak or unwell.

### Serious side effects

Infusions of medicines like **HyQvia** can occasionally result in serious, but rare, allergic reactions. You may experience a sudden fall in blood pressure and, in isolated cases, anaphylactic shock. Healthcare professionals are aware of these possible side effects and will monitor you during and after the initial infusions.

Typical signs or symptoms include: feeling light-headed, dizzy or faint, skin rash and itchiness, swelling in the mouth or throat, difficulty breathing, wheezing, abnormal heart rate, chest pain, blueness of lips or fingers and toes and blurred vision.

**Tell your healthcare professional immediately if you notice any of these signs during the infusion. Please refer to the package leaflet for the full list of side effects associated with HyQvia.**

# Managing possible side effects of HyQvia treatment

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## Local side effects

The following local reactions may occur at the site of infusion and usually go away within a few days. You should be observed for at least 20 minutes after the administration. When **HyQvia** is given at home, support from another responsible person should be available for treating adverse reactions or to summon help should a serious side effect occur. Always contact your healthcare professional to find out how best to manage any local reaction that increases in severity or persists for more than a few days.

### **Discomfort or pain at the infusion site when inserting the subcutaneous needle**

- Remove the needle because it may be in your muscle
- Contact your healthcare professional if severe pain does not fade when you remove the needle or if it happens each time you infuse
- Talk to your healthcare professional about changing the length of your needle; it may be too long for you. The thickness of subcutaneous tissue can be different from person to person depending on age, gender, body mass index, and the site of infusion
- Note in your logbook that this site may not work for you

### **Discomfort, pain, or redness at the infusion site during or after your infusion**

- Please talk to your healthcare professional, who may slow or stop the infusion
- Talk to your healthcare professional about a possible allergy to your tape or dressing or the possible use of a mild pain reliever

### **Swelling at or around the infusion site**

After **HyQvia** infusion, a temporary swelling can occur due to the volume of fluid infused. It usually disappears within 24-48 hours.

### **Itching or rash at or around the infusion site**

- Slow or stop the infusion
- When priming the subcutaneous needle, avoid coating the needle with drops of the **HyQvia** treatment
- Talk to your healthcare professional about the possible use of an antihistamine, if recommended

**If you experience uncontrollable itching or rash/hives, stop your infusion immediately and contact your healthcare professional or emergency services; these could be signs of a serious allergic reaction**

### **Generalised (systemic) side effects**

Generalised side effects affect the whole body rather than a specific part. The most common generalised side effects include:

#### **Headache**

- Talk to your healthcare professional about using an over-the-counter pain reliever
- Contact your healthcare professional if the headache persists or worsens

#### **Tiredness**

- Rest quietly after the infusion
- Go to bed early the day of the infusion

#### **Fever**

- Talk to your healthcare professional about using an over-the-counter medicine to reduce the fever
- Contact your healthcare professional if the fever persists or worsens

Other less frequent side effects are listed in the **HyQvia** Package Leaflet including serious but rare allergic reactions. It's also possible that you may experience side effects that are not discussed in the **HyQvia** Package Leaflet. Please talk to your healthcare professional if you experience any side effects, particularly those that are not listed in the Package Leaflet, are severe, or last longer than a couple of days.

**Please note: the suggestions above should not replace your healthcare professional's direction/advice.**

**You can also report side effects directly via HPRA Pharmacovigilance, website: [www.hpra.ie](http://www.hpra.ie). By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.**

## Patient and caregiver resources

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### Helpful PID communities and support organisations

Joining community groups and patient advocacy organisations is another way you can take control of your primary immunodeficiency (PID). You may find these organisations helpful.

#### **International Patient Organisation for Primary Immunodeficiencies (IPOPI)**

<http://www.ipopi.org/>

#### **Jeffrey Modell Foundation**

<http://info4pi.org/>

#### **European Society for Immunodeficiencies (ESID)**

<http://esid.org/>

#### **Helpful CIDP communities and support organisations**

<http://gbs-cidp.org/>







