

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

A step-by-step guide for healthcare professionals to use in educating patients and caregivers

Additional information following training from your healthcare team

Indications

HyQvia, a replacement therapy in adults, children and adolescents (0-18 years) in:

• Primary immunodeficiency syndromes with impaired antibody production.

Secondary immunodeficiencies (SID) in patients who suffer from severe or recurrent infections, ineffective antimicrobial treatment
and either proven specific antibody failure (PSAF)\* or serum IgG level of <4 g/l.</li>

\*PSAF = failure to mount at least a 2-fold rise in IgG antibody titre to pneumococcal polysaccharide and polypeptide antigen vaccines

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

Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions. See section 4.8 of the Summary of Product Characteristics for how to report adverse reactions.

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

This guide is intended to be used by healthcare professionals in educating patients and caregivers. It should not be provided directly to patients. A separate Patient Guide is available.



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# How to use this guide

### This guide has been developed to help you train patients and caregivers to self-administer HyQvia treatment. Before using this guide, consider the following:

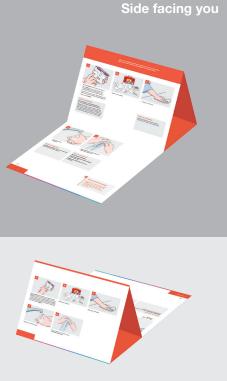
- Begin by familiarising yourself with the content and functionality of this guide before you instruct patients
- Think of this guide as an aid to dialogue, not a script. Use the guide to facilitate your instruction
- Don't skip sections or steps. Use the additional points provided ('Points to emphasise') as suggestions to supplement your instruction

By making this guide an integral part of training, you can help provide a positive HyQvia infusion experience for your patients.

#### Patient considerations

Assessing your patients' knowledge of HyQvia treatment and their comfort level with the infusion process is an important part of training. Most of the patients you train will come from one of the categories below.

If you're training this kind of patient	keep these points in mind.
Switching from intravenous IG treatment	<ul> <li>May be unfamiliar with subcutaneous administration</li> <li>May have anxiety about self-infusion (for example, preparation of product and needle insertion)</li> <li>May not be used to aseptic technique</li> <li>May be unfamiliar with operating a pump</li> </ul>
Switching from subcutaneous IG treatment	<ul> <li>May be used to smaller volumes infused per site</li> <li>May be unfamiliar with the faster infusion rates of HyQvia</li> <li>May be unfamiliar with pumps that meet the criteria for use with HyQvia (including peristaltic infusion pumps)</li> </ul>



Side facing patient

Once you've become familiar with the overview of this guide and how it functions, you're ready to use the remaining pages to train your patients and their caregivers

# The 5 steps to infusing HyQvia treatment

# **Infusion overview**

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Infuse **HyQvia** only after you or your caregiver have been trained by your healthcare professional and have read the information in the package leaflet.



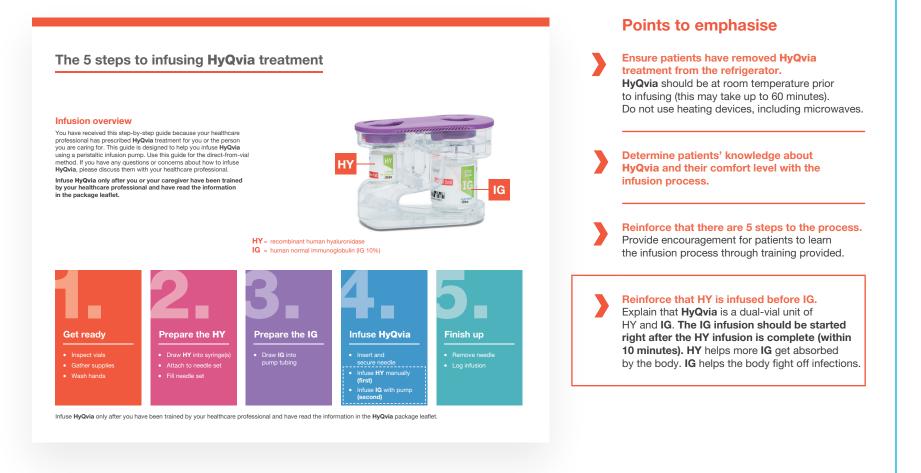
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- Inspect vials
- Gather supplies
- Wash hands



- Draw **HY** into syringe(s)
- Fill needle set



• Draw IG into pump tubing



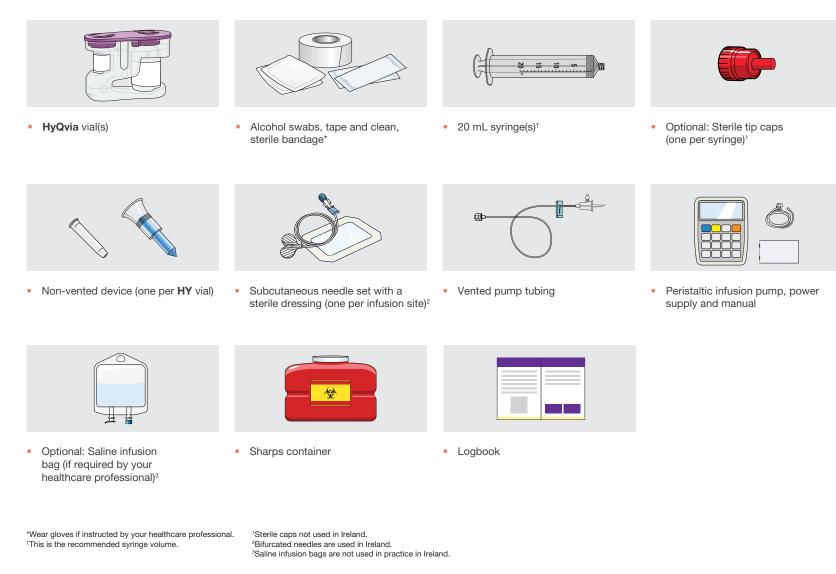


- Infuse **HY** manually (first)
- Infuse IG with pump
- (second)

Finish up

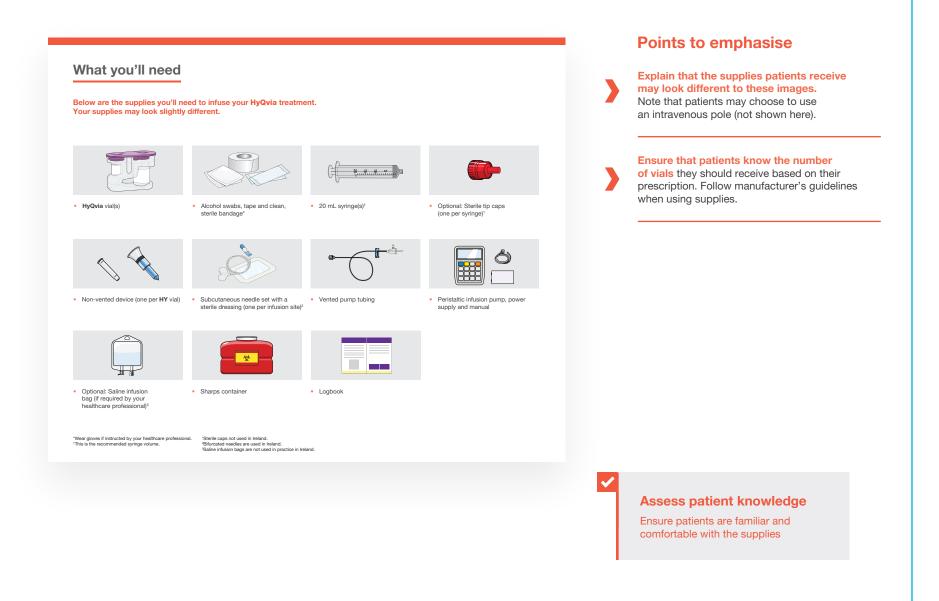
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• HyQvia vial(s)



• Non-vented device (one per HY vial)



• Optional: Saline infusion bag (if required by your healthcare professional)3

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- Alcohol swabs, tape and clean, sterile bandage\*



20 mL syringe(s)<sup>†</sup>

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Vented pump tubing



Optional: Sterile tip caps • (one per syringe)1



Peristaltic infusion pump, power supply and manual

Sharps container

Subcutaneous needle set with a

sterile dressing (one per infusion

site)2

Logbook

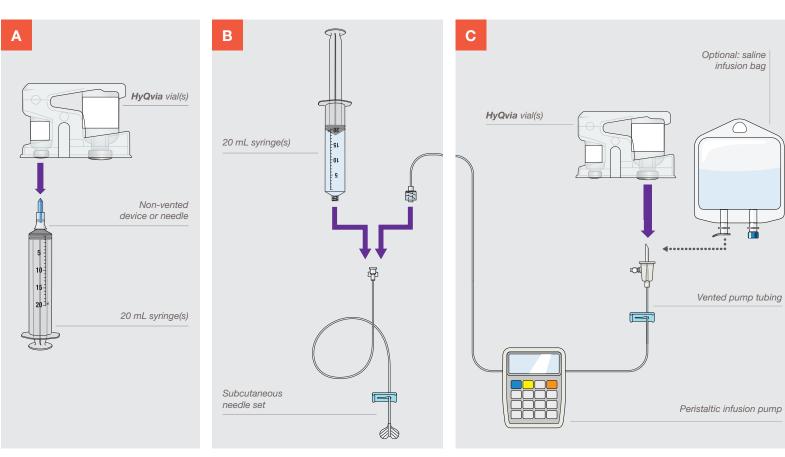




\*Wear gloves if instructed by your healthcare professional. †This is the recommended syringe volume.

<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



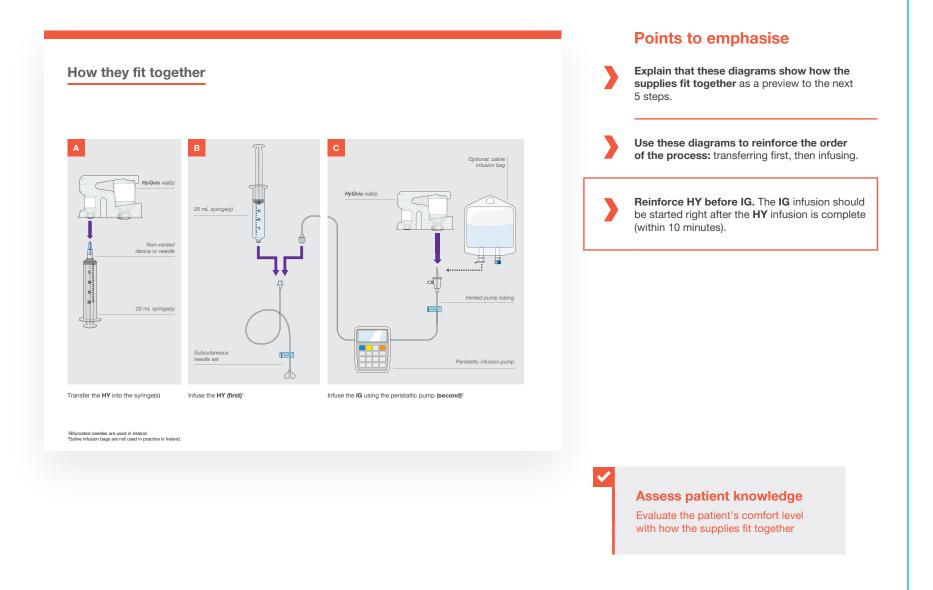
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Infuse the HY (first)1

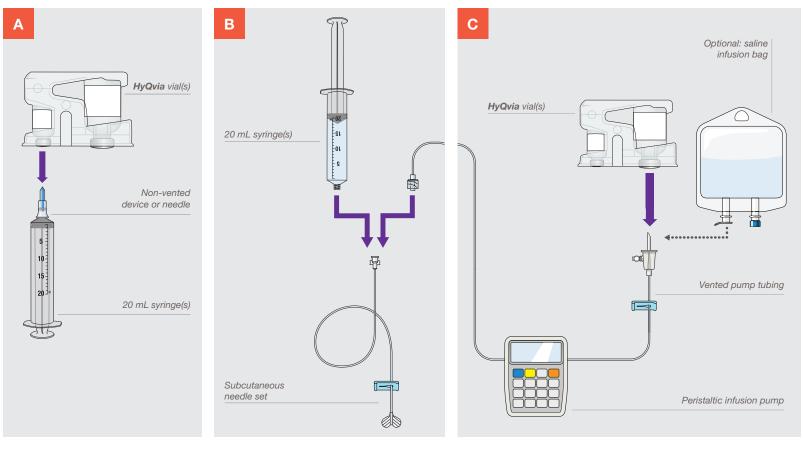
Infuse the IG using the peristaltic pump (second)<sup>2</sup>

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# Administration at a glance



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

Infuse the HY (first)1

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

# 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. Allow **HyQvia** to reach room temperature (this may take up to 60 minutes). Do not use heating devices, including microwaves. Check the colour and expiry date. Make

sure the liquid isn't cloudy and doesn't have particles in it. Do not shake **HyQvia**.

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Gather your supplies.

Clean your work area.



Wash your hands thoroughly.



Open supplies as instructed by your healthcare professional.

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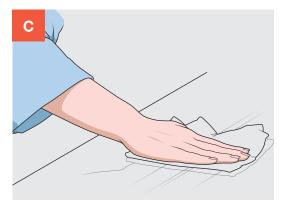
# Points to emphasise

Ensure HyQvia is at room temperature - do not use heating devices to achieve this.

**Check the vials** for clarity and colour. The **HY** should be clear and colourless. The **IG** should be clear and colourless or pale yellow. Point out the removable label with the expiry date, lot number, and date of manufacture for use in the logbook.



• Gather your supplies



Clean your work area

#### **Points to emphasise**

**Prepare work area.** Instruct patients to find a quiet work area with enough space.



Wash your hands thoroughly

#### **Points to emphasise**

Consider use of gloves. Follow your institution's guidelines about the use of gloves.



Open supplies as instructed by your healthcare professional

### Points to emphasise

Explain aseptic techniques. Keep sterile supplies in open packages near the work area. Untangle the needle set before using the syringes.

Assess patient knowledge

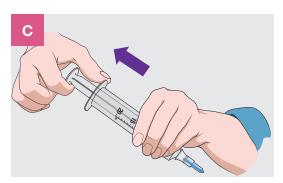
Ask patients to explain '**Step 1: Get Ready**' in their own words. Provide encouragement, and correct any misunderstandings before moving to the next step.



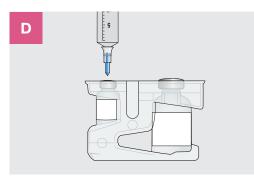
Remove the cap. Clean each vial of **HY** by wiping the stopper with an alcohol swab and allow to dry for at least 30 seconds.



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

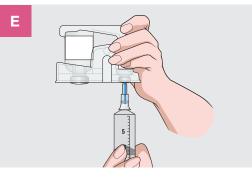


Pull back on the plunger to fill the syringe with air (an amount equal to the full amount of **HY**).



Insert the non-vented device into the centre of the  $\boldsymbol{H}\boldsymbol{Y}$  vial stopper. Push the air into the vial.

\*This is the recommended syringe volume. <sup>1</sup>This step is not required in practice in Ireland.



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.** 

# TIP

Cover each syringe with a sterile tip cap when drawing up multiple syringes.<sup>1</sup>



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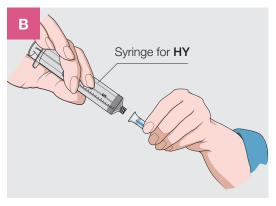
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# **STEP 2** Prepare the **HY**

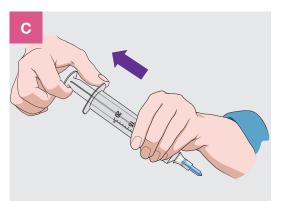
Train your patients and their caregivers on the steps below. Also cover the 'Points to emphasise' in the grey boxes.



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



- Remove the 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)

#### **Points to emphasise**

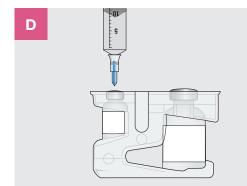
Help identify vials. In addition to vial size differences, point out that the HY vial is silver at the top and the IG vial is crimped.

Reinforce that it could take 30 seconds for the alcohol to dry.

#### **Points to emphasise**

**Reinforce aseptic techniques,** especially when patients naive to subcutaneous infusion draw up medications.

**Use only a non-vented device.** A vented spike could cause stopper push through.



- 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

### Points to emphasise

**Insert the non-vented device in the centre** of the vial to prevent stopper coring or stopper push through.

#### **Points to emphasise**

Draw the full vial of HY into the syringe.

# TIP

Cover each syringe with a sterile tip cap when drawing up multiple syringes.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>This step is not required in practice in Ireland.

Assess patient knowledge Ask patients to explain 'Step 2: Prepare the HY' in their own words. Provide encouragement, and correct any misunderstandings before moving to the next step.





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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>1</sup>

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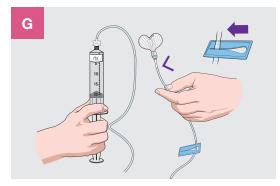
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- Close the clamp on the needle set tubing<sup>1</sup>

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#### **Points to emphasise**

**Remove air bubbles.** Reinforce the importance of tapping the syringe to remove air bubbles.

#### **Points to emphasise**

**Discuss viscosity.** Remind patients experienced with subcutaneous infusion that they may not be used to the low viscosity of the **HY**. Pushing the plunger too hard can shoot the **HY** out of the needle.

**Stop at needle hub.** Remind patients to fill the needle set tubing with **HY** only to the needle hub.

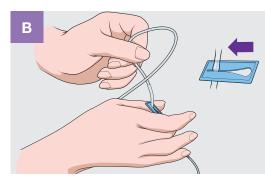
**Close the clamp** as shown when transfer of the **HY** is completed.

Label the syringe. Reinforce that patients should attach the **HY** label to the syringe after clamping the needle set tubing. Labels can be found in the logbook.

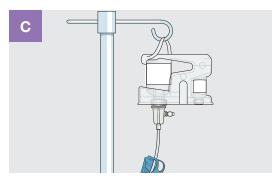
# STEP 3 Prepare the IG



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.

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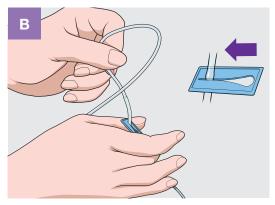
Following the manufacturer's instructions, programme the pump for the prescribed infusion flow rates. Turn off the pump.

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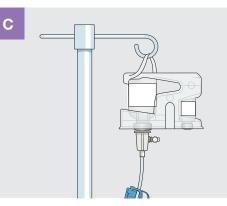
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• Close the clamp on the vented pump tubing



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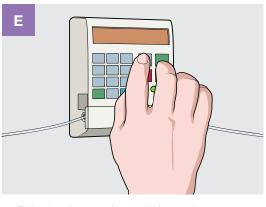
Reinforce that it could take 30 seconds for the alcohol to dry.

### **Points to emphasise**

Reinforce that patients need to open the vent on the pump tubing.



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



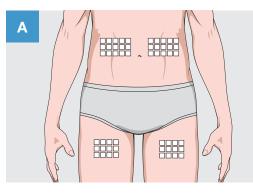
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- Turn off the pump

#### **Points to emphasise**

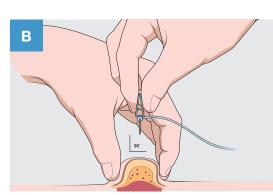
Reinforce that patients will need to open the clamp on the vented pump tubing to fill it. When the tubing is full, close the vent.

# Assess patient knowledge

Ask patients to explain '**Step 3: Prepare the IG**' in their own words. Provide encouragement, and correct any misunderstandings before moving to the next step.



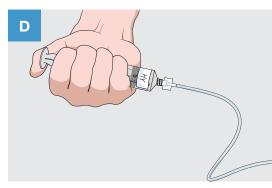
Choose an infusion site (or sites) in either the abdomen or thigh. Avoid bony areas, visible blood vessels, scars, and any areas of inflammation or infection. Rotate your infusion sites to opposite sides of the body between infusions.\* Clean the infusion site(s) with an alcohol swab, as instructed by 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 to 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  $\mathbf{HY}$  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.

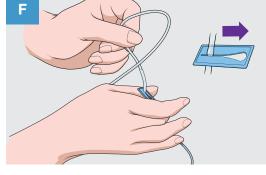
\*For patients with a body weight of <40kg, select sites on opposite sides of body if instructed to infuse in up to 3 sites for doses above 300 mL. For patients with a body weight of >40kg, select sites on opposite sides of body if instructed to infuse in up to 3 sites for doses above 600 mL.



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).

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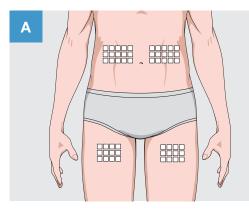
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Open the clamp on the vented pump tubing and start the pump to infuse the **IG** at the rate prescribed by your doctor. **The IG infusion should be started within 10 minutes after completing the HY infusion.** 



4 Infuse HyQvia



- 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
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- Clean the infusion site(s) with an alcohol swab, if instructed by your healthcare professional
- Allow to dry for at least 30 seconds

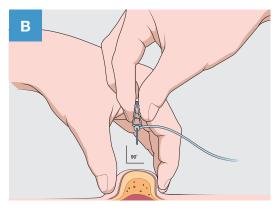
### **Points to emphasise**

#### **Remember HY before IG.**

**Use opposite sides of the body** if multiple infusion sites are required.

Avoid certain areas. HyQvia treatment should not be infused into or around an infected or red, swollen area due to potential risk of spreading a localised infection.

**Clean the site.** Start at the centre of the infusion site and work outward in a circular motion. Allow to dry for at least 30 seconds.



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- 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>

### Points to emphasise

Assess patient knowledge. Ask patients to demonstrate what 90 degrees means. Point out the sterile tape. Show patients the sterile tape on the dressing that comes with the needle set.

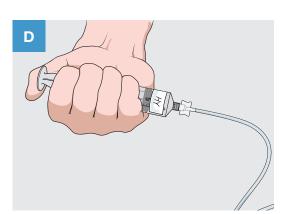
### Points to emphasise

**Repeat steps if needed.** Remind patients to repeat steps A to C if they use more than one infusion site.

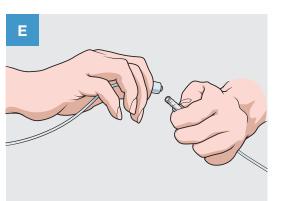
Show patients how to check for blood in the tubing and reinforce that the needle should be removed and replaced.

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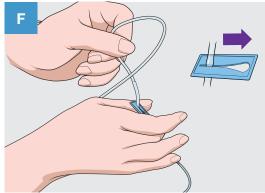
- Push the plunger on the **HY** syringe to infuse the **HY** at a rate of 1 to 2 ml per minute per infusion site
- Check infusion site(s) occasionally throughout the infusion for dislodgement or leaking



- 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)

### **Points to emphasise**

**Leave the needle in.** Emphasise that patients should not remove the needle from the infusion site after the **HY** infusion.



- 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.

#### Points to emphasise

**Discuss pump considerations.** Refer patients to their pump manufacturer's guide or their pharmacy.

Take advantage of downtime during IG infusion. Discuss resources available. Reinforce when and how to use the emergency kit if prescribed. Assess patient's confidence with the infusion process and determine how to enhance the next infusion experience.

**Check for leaking at the infusion site.** If leaking occurs, direct patients to check if the needle is secured improperly, the needle length is too short, too much volume is being infused, or the needle is placed at an incorrect angle.

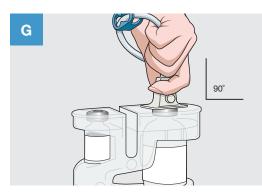
Reinforce HY before IG. Remind patients to start the IG infusion within 10 minutes after completing the HY infusion.



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 at a 90 degree angle. Then restart the pump. Repeat for each remaining **IG** vial.

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- 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 at a 90 degree angle
- Then restart the pump
- Repeat for each remaining IG vial

### Points to emphasise

Reinforce aseptic technique when changing multiple vials. Ask patients to demonstrate what 90 degrees means.

# Managing the infusion: considerations

Please check manufacturer's instructions. For pump occlusion alarms, consider advising

- patients and their caregivers to:Check for kinks in the pump tubing
- or if clamps are openVerify that the occlusion alarm is set to maximum
- Confirm that the subcutaneous needle is a suitable gauge and labeled for high flow rates
- Check that the pump is suitable for use with **HyQvia** treatment

If the occlusion alarm persists, reduce the flow rate to complete the infusion.



### Assess patient knowledge

Ask patients to explain '**Step 4: Infuse HyQvia**' in their own words. Provide encouragement, and correct any misunderstandings before moving to the next step.

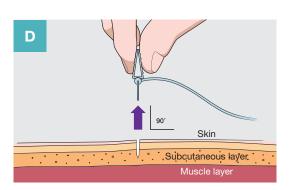


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Restart the pump to flush the  $\ensuremath{\text{IG}}$  up to the

needle wings.1

If instructed 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>



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>

<sup>1</sup>Saline infusion bags are not used in practice in Ireland. Please ignore this step. <sup>2</sup>Bifurcated needles are used in Ireland.



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.



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



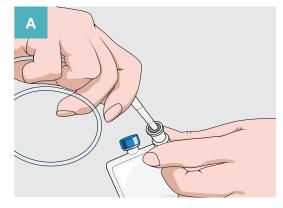
Record the infusion details in your logbook.



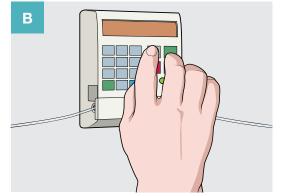
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 If instructed by your healthcare professional, when the last IG vial is empty, remove it and attach the saline infusion bag to the vented pump tubing<sup>1</sup>



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

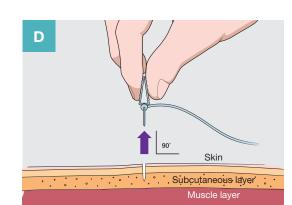


- Turn off the pump and close the clamp on the vented pump tubing
- Remove the tubing from the pump

'Saline infusion bags are not used in practice in Ireland. Please ignore this step.

### Points to emphasise

**Reinforce aseptic technique** when switching from the **IG** 10% vial to the optional saline infusion bag.



- 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

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Record the infusion details in your logbook

#### <sup>2</sup>Bifurcated needles are used in Ireland.

### **Points to emphasise**

**Explain proper needle handling.** Use extra caution when handling an unprotected needle. Have a sharps container ready.

### Points to emphasise

**Review the logbook.** Explain the importance of completing each section and recording the date, time, dose, site(s) of infusion, and any side effects.

Discuss how and where to attach the peel-off labels from the HyQvia vial(s) into the logbook.



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**Encourage and inform.** Ask if patients have questions and discuss when to contact their healthcare professional.

Ensure supplies for the next infusion. Verify that patients understand how and when to reorder supplies.

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#### Assess patient knowledge

Ask patients to explain '**Step 5: Finish up**' in their own words. Consider using the Patient Skills Checklist to document their training. Determine their comfort level with the infusion process.

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# 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

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24 hours after infusion

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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.

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### Points to emphasise

Explain why temporary swelling occurs at, or around, the infusion site.

Refer to the 'Managing possible side effects of **HyQvia** treatment' section for tips on managing local site reactions and other side effects.

Remind patients/caregivers to not infuse HyQvia into an infected or red swollen area of skin.

Please refer to the SmPC for a full list of side effects.

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

- Remove the needle because it may be in your muscle
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#### 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
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- Talk to your healthcare professional about using an over-the-counter pain reliever
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#### Tiredness

- Rest quietly after the infusion
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#### Fever

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# **Resources**

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http://info4pi.org/

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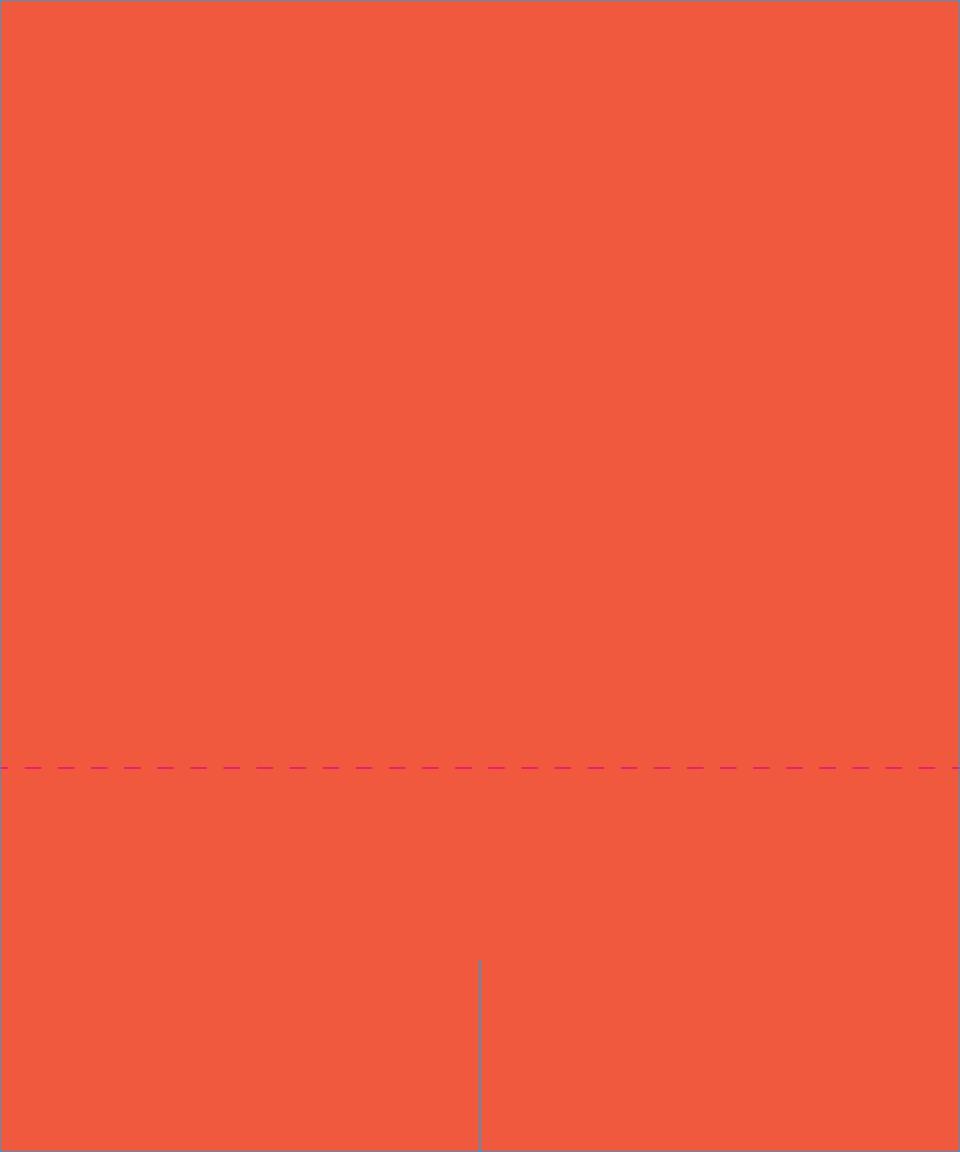
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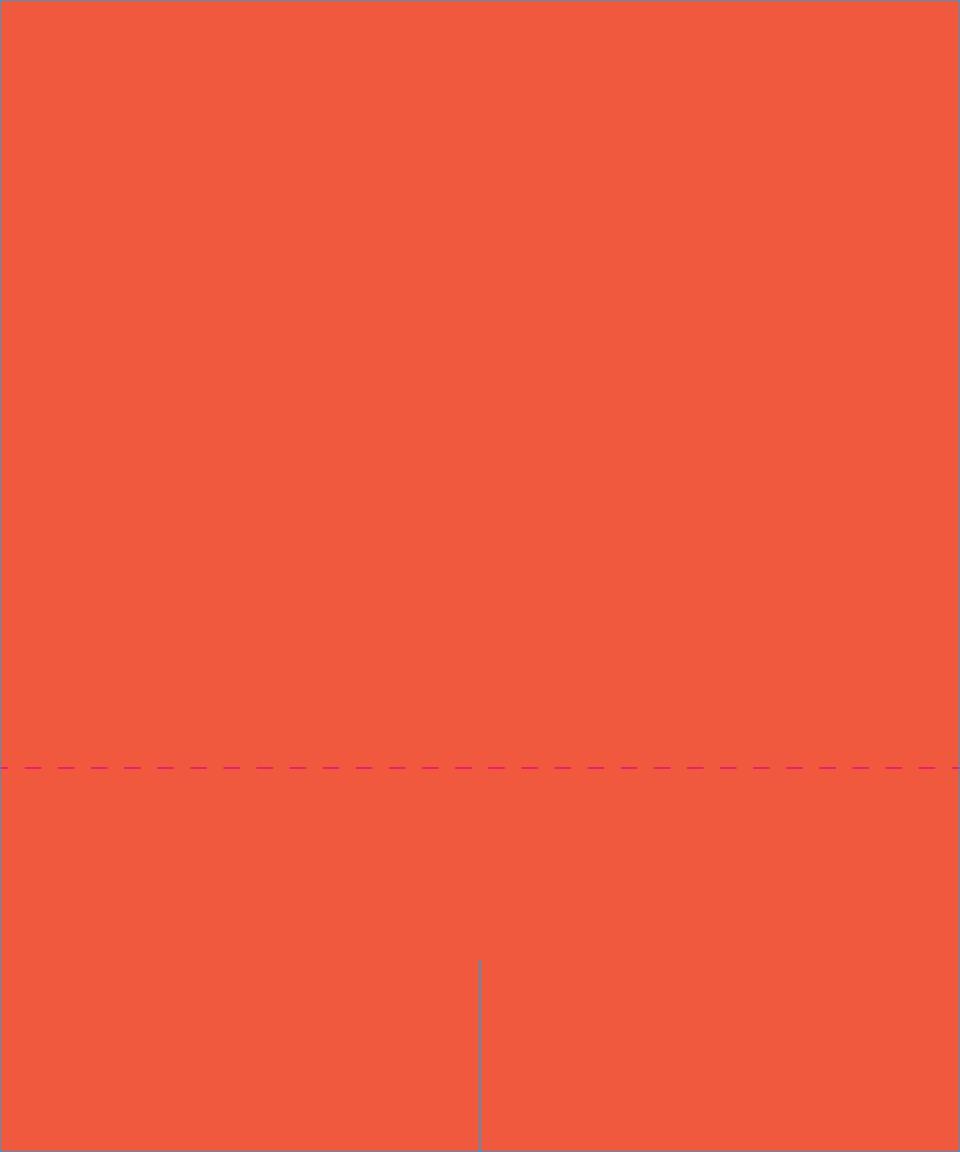
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