

# Understanding the **PATIENT JOURNEY**

Bubbles **are** an acceptable part of **SubQ infusions**<sup>1</sup>

However, if you still want to decrease bubbles before your infusion in order to decrease time waiting for them to subside or worry about not getting every drop from the vial, there are some options:

► When using vials:<sup>2</sup>

- ▶ Try not to shake the vials
- ▶ If using a vented transfer device (mini spike), withdraw medication slowly and keep spike tip below fluid level
- ▶ If using a needle to withdraw medication:



- 1 Attach the needle to the syringe tip and remove the cap from the medication vial.
- 2 Fill the syringe with air by pulling the plunger back to the line on your syringe for your dose (i.e. to 20 ml if you are infusing 20 ml of Ig).
- 3 Place the vial on a flat surface, insert the needle, keeping tip above the fluid level, and inject air into the OPEN space in the vial.
- 4 Turn the vial and syringe upside down. Ensure the needle tip is below the fluid level by pulling the needle into the neck of the bottle as you SLOWLY withdraw the medication.

- Tap the side of the syringe to move any air bubbles to the top. Then, press plunger to push the air out of the syringe, stopping when liquid is at the tip of the syringe.<sup>3</sup>
- Attach Precision Flow Rate Tubing™, as well as the HIgH-Flo Subcutaneous Safety Needle Sets™ and dry prime as instructed in PI/IFU or Freedom SCIG infusion mat, stopping just before fluid reaches the needle.

1. Duff C et al. Immunol Allergy Clin N Am. 2020; 40:527-537

2. Hizentra. Package Insert. CSL Behring; 2020.

3. Peacehealth. Common Questions About Giving Yourself Shots. <https://www.peacehealth.org/medical-topics/id/abs5701> Accessed 4/1/2021.

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