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Re: Advisory 12-05: SAFETY ALERT - Infusion Labeling

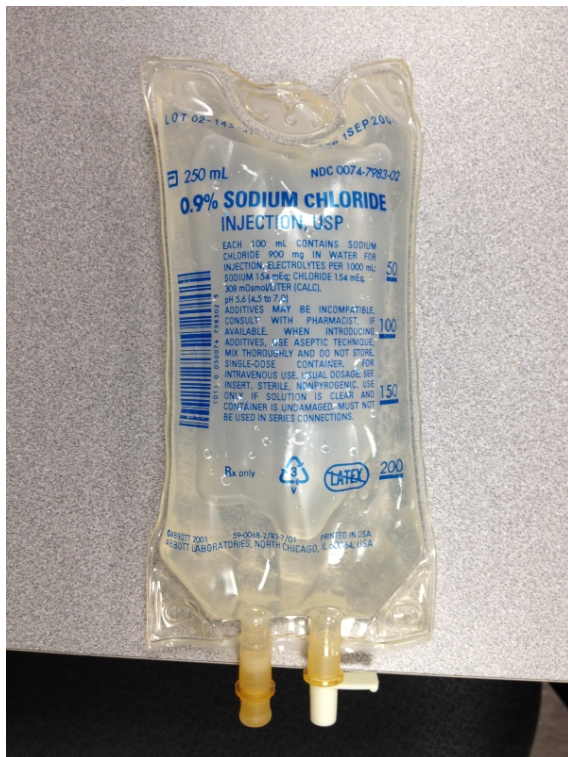


Fig. 1

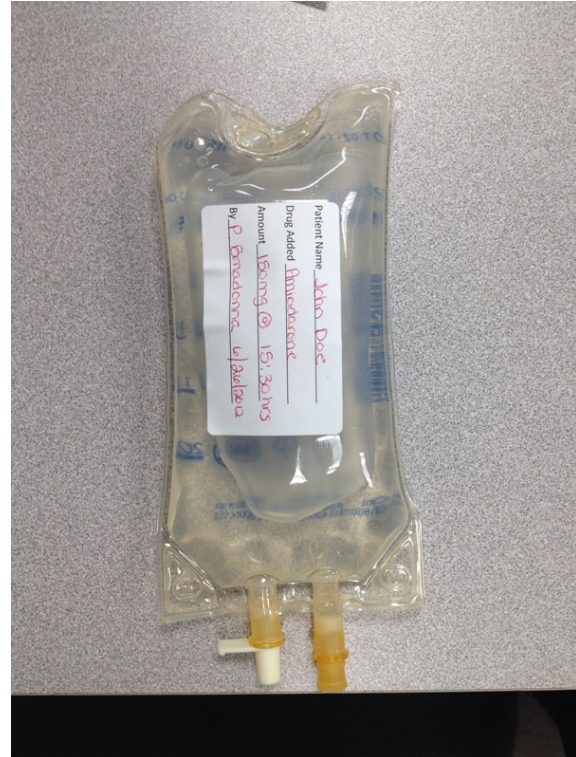


Fig. 2

Due to another recent incident in which a medication was infused into normal saline and the bag was not labeled, this Advisory has been updated and reissued. The unlabeled infusion (see Fig. 1) was recognized quickly by a pharmacist and removed, however with the transfer of patient care we can see where confusion or misunderstanding could result in this bag being run wide-open and potentially cause harm.

ALS agencies and providers are reminded that ALL fluids with additives (dopamine, magnesium, solumedrol, even phenergan or morphine) MUST be labeled (see Fig. 2) so that it is

clear that an additive is present. This is extremely important for patient safety and to assure that all personnel that may be caring for the patient knows what is being infused.

Agencies are encouraged to keep highly visible labels available with their medications to facilitate the labeling of fluids with additives to include the medication added, the amount added, the date, time, and who mixed the medication to facilitate patient safety.

With questions, please contact the Regional Program Agency.