

Opening Injectable Medications

- 1) Read insert for instructions on how to calculate expiration date once vial has been punctured (Ex: Cerenia injectable expires in 90 days from first vial puncture)
 - a) Siri is very helpful in calculating “how many days are from today’s date”
 - b) Use a blank syringe sticker label to neatly label the bottle with the date of puncture/mix AND with expiration date. Do not cover drug name, concentration, expiration date, or anything important with this sticker.
- 2) Read how to store medication once it has been punctured (i.e. fridge etc)
- 3) Make sure to tasklist Kathy or Amanda, CVT when you are discarding an empty bottle and that you’ve opened a new bottle
 - a) In the whiteboard, include the new expiration date and how much was taken from the new bottle.
 - b) If you emptied a bottle and opened a new one to draw up the full amount needed, tell how much was taken from the old bottle and what was taken from the new bottle.
- 4) Put the expired or empty bottle in Amanda, CVT’s desk drawer

Storage Guidelines and Expiration Date Updates Once Vial Punctured/Mixed

Simbadol: Use within 56 days of first puncture. Storage- room temp, lock box

Cerenia: Use within 90 days of first puncture. Storage- room temp until puncture, then refrigerate

Convenia: Reconstitute with 10ml sterile water. Use within 56 days Store- refrigerate at all time (even unmixed)

Onsior: Use within 12 weeks of first puncture. Storage- refrigerate at all times

Cefazolin: Reconstitute with 2.5ml Sterile water. Discard 72 hours after mixing. Storage- refrigerate after mixing

Propofol: Use within 28 days of first puncture. Storage- room temp, lock box

Saline:

-If opening a new bottle for use for a specific pet (wound flushed, surgery, etc): Charge bottle of saline to that pet in treatments and discard when done

-If opening to use for diluting injectable medications or for flush: Use a blank yellow sticker to indicate what it is for, and write discard after date- 1 month from the day it was opened. Write on hospital use sheet

Lactated Ringers:

IV fluids- unless still using for same pet, discard bag after 24 hrs. Only use for more than 1 pet if they are surgery patients who are healthy. When opening bag place a line of bandage tape from top to bottom of bag for time marking each hr fluid volume, print a patient label from Rx DYMO printer and put on bag. If anything is spiked into the bag (like potassium) that must be labeled onto the bag (best to charge the item i.e. potassium and print a label for that and put it on the bag being sure it shows time and amount added.

Subcutaneous Fluids - may be used for more than one pet. When opening the bag mark it with the date and time open, store in drawer out of light and discard after 7 days.