Guide to Extravasation Management in Adults1

- 1. Stop injection/infusion immediately. Leave the needle/ catheter in place.
- 2. Slowly aspirate as much of the drug as possible. Do not apply pressure to the area.
- 3. Inform physician and obtain orders per substance specific measures. If phentolamine indicated, remove IV after administration of phentolamine. If hyaluronidase indicated, remove IV as drug aspiration is attempted.
- 4. Elevate the affected limb for 24 to 48 hours.
- 5. If extravasation is suspected to be >24 hours old, obtain orders for warm or cold therapy.
- 6. Document all procedures in the medical record.

Extravasated Drug		Antidote	Administration	Compress
Hyperosmotic Solutions	Calcium chloride* Dextrose* Parenteral Nutrition# Potassium* Contrast* Mannitol# Sodium Bicarbonate* Sodium Chloride >3%	Hyaluronidase (within 1-2 hours)	15 units/mL in 0.9% sodium chloride Administer 5 SUBQ injection of 0.2 mL each	Cold
Sympathomimetics	Dobutamine* Dopamine Epinephrine Norepinephrine Phenylephrine	Phentolamine (within 6-8 hours)	1 mg/ml in 0.9% sodium chloride (10 mg – 2 vials in 10 mL) Inject 1 mL in IV and remove, administer remaining 0.5-1 mL SUBQ at multiple sites (at least 5)	Warm
	Vasopressin	Nitroglycerin topical	1 inch strip applied to site of ischemia, may redose every 8 hours	
Amiodarone*,#		Hyaluronidase	15 units/mL in 0.9% sodium chloride Administer 5 SUBQ injection of 0.2 mL each	Cold
Other Agents	Diltiazem* Nicardipine* Esmolol	None		Patient preference: cold likely preferred

^{*}Peripheral access allowed, however should be administered through large vein.

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