

# EXCEL<sup>®</sup> IV Container

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Refer to product labeling for full prescribing information.

EXCEL containers are available in 250 mL (24 per case), 500 mL (24 per case) and 1000 mL (12 per case). The containers are packaged in the overwrap.



### REMOVING THE OVERWRAP

Start a tear at any of the depressions on the notched edge. Notches can be found on both sides of the overwrap. Tear the overwrap by running your index finger through the seam of the overwrap.



### MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

**Step 1:** Prior to adding medications, swab the injection port. Allow to air dry (EXCEL's medication port is not made with natural rubber latex).

**Step 2:** Support the base of the medication port. Using a syringe and 18-22 gauge needle, inject medication through the center of injection site keeping fingers behind the flange. Mix thoroughly by inverting container several times.

### SPIKING THE CONTAINER

**Step 3:** Remove the set port cover by lifting the ring with the thumb and forefinger and pulling off.

**Step 4:** Hold the flange of the set port between your thumb and forefinger. Push spike straight into port while twisting.

Alternatively, cradle EXCEL in the forearm with the hanger at the elbow and hold the finger guard between the thumb and forefinger and insert the spike straight into the set port diaphragm. If positioning the container in your left arm, turn the container label down so the spike port is next to the left thumb and forefinger. If positioning the container in your right arm, turn the container label up so the spike port is next to the right thumb and forefinger.

### BARCODE SCANNING

**OPTION A:** Hang the container on an IV pole and scan at a 45°-90° degree angle, 2"-6" from the container.



**OPTION B:** Alternatively, hold the container by the hanger tab and scan at a 45°-90° degree angle, 2"-6" from the container.

*Do not squeeze the container in the middle while attempting to scan.*



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### SHIPPING AND STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not stack individual cases more than 6 containers high.
- Avoid freezing and excessive heat.
- Maintain upright orientation of cases.



### STACKING EXCEL IN BINS

When stacking loose containers in a bin, do not stack more than five (5) containers high.

### REMOVING AIR

- Insert an 18-22 gauge needle of appropriate length (at least 5/8 inch) through the medication port until the bevel of the needle just penetrates the medication port and inner diaphragm.
- Tilt container slightly to elevate fluid and remove as much air as possible by squeezing container continuously.
- Maintain pressure and remove needle immediately to prevent air backflow into the container.



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