

Subcutaneous Fluids

Information Leaflet for patients, carers and relatives

District Nurse Team

SPOA/Base Number.....

Out of hours contact number

During a recent discussion with your District Nurse and/or GP it was agreed with you and your family/carer that you may benefit from a trial period of treatment using subcutaneous fluids.

Fluid is administered by gravity using a “butterfly” infusion set which is inserted just under the skin. We currently use the one pictured below:



This “butterfly “is then attached to the bag of fluid, using fine plastic tubing, so that the fluid can be administered continuously (pictured). Your GP will prescribe this dependent on your clinical condition.



The infusion will be set up and reviewed a minimum of twice per day by the District Nursing Team.

