

OSCE Code NC22

NVQ Level 3 National Occupational Standard Ref: VetN 7.1, 7.2

Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing Ref: VN 4.3, VN 7.3, SAVN 13.2

This OSCE will be used to assess the awards indicated

Award	Award Reference	Pathway	
NVQ Level 3	100/6216/6	Small Animal	✓
NVQ Level 3	100/6216/6	Equine	✓
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	500/9872/X	Small Animal	✓
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	500/9872/X	Equine	✓
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	500/9872/X	Small Animal (Transitional)	✓
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	500/9872/X	Equine (Transitional)	✓

A hospitalised patient requires administration of intravenous crystalloid fluids

You are required to

- a. Set up an infusion using the fluid and giving set provided
- b. Prepare the catheter for use
- c. Administer the fluid to the patient at the required rate

Notes:

An intravenous catheter with T-connector has already been placed. You are not required to change the patients IV catheter or bandage

Methodology: you will be expected to:	
1.	Remove administration set from packaging
2.	Turn off regulator
3.	Hang fluid bag on drip stand
4.	Remove protective tag from the administration port
5.	Insert administration set into fluid bag using an aseptic technique
6.	Squeeze chamber approximately a 1/3 to 3/4 full
7.	Release regulator to fill drip line
8.	Close regulator
9.	No significant air bubbles left within the drip line
10.	Minimal wastage of fluid
11.	Select Heparinised saline or saline solution
12.	Select suitable needle and syringe for administration of flush
13.	Prepare surgical spirit swabs
14.	Wear gloves
15.	Swab top of flush solution bottle
16.	Draw up appropriate quantity of heparinised saline
17.	Swab bung of T connector
18.	Flush catheter with heparinised saline via the T connector
19.	Using an aseptic technique attach fluid administration set
20.	Dispose of needle and syringe appropriately, needle either not resheathed OR resheathed using safe technique
21.	Release regulator
22.	Set administration drip rate as detailed on the patient record
23.	Demonstrate safe, effective and aseptic technique