



| QRG - | <ul> <li>Ordering a variable rate intravenous insulin infusion (VRIII, Sliding Scale)</li> </ul>  |                    |  |  |  |  |
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| No.   | Action  | Responsibil<br>ity |  |  |  |  |
| 1.    | From the Request / Care Plans tab in PowerChart click on +Add and type in "variable rate" Search: variable rate   |                    |  |  |  |  |
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|       | 🔚 🛃 Insulin Variable Rate Infusion Care Plan  |                    |  |  |  |  |
| 2.    | Click on the Powerplan and select Done to open the plan   |                    |  |  |  |  |
| 3.    | Select one of the scales by ticking the insulin order<br>The details of Glucose levels and correlating infusion rate are shown in the PowerPlan as<br>below, but are also visible when the individual order is selected and modified.<br>Insulin Variable Rate Infusion Care Plan (Initiated Pending) |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | ∠ Continuous Prescribing  |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | Non-standard scales should be clearly specified under scale C by the  |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | Blood Glucose Scale Scale Scale<br>(mmol/L) A B C<br>Infusion Rate Infusion Rate  |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | (mL/hour) (mL/hour) (mL/hour)   |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | Less than 3 0.2 0.5   |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | 3 - 4.9 0.5 1.0   |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | 5 - 7.9 1.0 2.0   |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | 8 - 10.9 2.0 3.0  |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | 11-14.9 3.5 4.5   |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | 15-19.9 5.0 6.0   |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | Greather 6.0 8.0<br>than 20   |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | Scale A DOSE: 50 m Blood  |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | DOSE: 50 m<br>Blood   |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | Custom Scale  |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | Insulin Soluble Infusion     DOSE: 50 m Blood   |                    |  |  |  |  |
|       | Monitoring<br>Blood glucose should be monitored hourly  |                    |  |  |  |  |





| 4. | IMPORTANT<br>The system requires a weight for this order to be complete.   | Doctor /<br>NMP |  |  |  |  |
|----|--|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
|    | <ul> <li>If a measured weight has already been entered in the patient's record under<br/>assessments / Fluid Balance &gt; Adult Assessments &gt; Measurements, this will<br/>automatically populate the insulin infusion order and no further input is required<br/>from the prescriber. Continue with step 6.</li> </ul>  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | <ul> <li>If no measured weight has been entered, this needs to be added manually in the<br/>order. Please note that this will not pull through to the Assessments / Fluid<br/>Balance screen or any other order.</li> </ul>  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | To manually enter a weight, select the insulin order by setting a tick next to it and then right-click on the Insulin order to open the order details  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Scale A  Scale A  DOSE: 50 mL - ROL  Discussion  Discu |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Scale B Blood Insulin Scale B DOSE: 50 mL - ROU Blood Insulin  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Custom Scale  Please fill in the details for the custom scale in the order comments section  Insulin Soluble Infusion DOSE: 50 mL - ROU Details  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Bioda Insuin   |                 |  |  |  |  |
| 5. | Enter the weight manually (in kg) – only required if a measure weight has not been documented yet  | Doctor /<br>NMP |  |  |  |  |
|    | ■ Details for Insulin soluble human for Infusion 50 unit [0.2 un   |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | 😭 Details 🎁 🕞 Continuous Details 🔃 Offset Details 🔯 Diagnoses  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Base Solution Bag Volume Rate Infu:  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Additive Additive Dose Normalised Rate Deliv   |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Insulin soluble human for Infusion 50 unit 🔚 0.2 unit/hour   |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Total Bag Volume 50 mL   |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Weight:  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Once the weight has been entered, the rate will display.   |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Petails Tootinuous Details Offset Details Diagnoses  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Base Solution Bag Volume Rate  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Sodium Chloride 0.9% Infusion (cont.) 50 mL  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Additive Dose Normalised Rate  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    |  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Total Bag Volume 50 mL   |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | Weight: Weight Type: Result dt/tm:   |                 |  |  |  |  |
|    | 80 Manually Entered 29/Dec/2017 14:26:26 GMT   |                 |  |  |  |  |
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| 6. | Orden For Cimplum  | Doctor /        |  |  |  |  |
|    | Click  | NMP             |  |  |  |  |



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| 7.  | If at this point something was missing from one of the orders (for example a weight), then this would be denoted with <sup>(S)</sup> next to the orderable. Orders can only be signed, once all required fields have been completed. To do so, click on the medication with the <sup>(S)</sup> symbol and complete details.   | Doctor /<br>NMP |  |  |
|-----|---|-----------------|--|--|
| 8.  | Please note that a rate is required for the order to be signed and therefore a default value has been entered. This value does not need to be amended by the prescriber. Nurses / midwives will adjust the administered insulin rate based on BMs as per policy and will document this accordingly.   |                 |  |  |
| 9.  | If a custom sliding scale is required, tick "Insulin Soluble Infusion" under Custom Scale.<br>Then right-click and select "modify". This will open the order details.   | Doctor /<br>NMP |  |  |
| 10. | The blank sliding scale is under "Infusion instructions".<br>To specify the custom sliding scale, replace the asterisks (*) with the appropriate values<br>and then click Didde For Signature<br>Total Bay Volume 50 mL<br>Veight:<br>Thusion instructions<br>Blood Intuin Infusion Rate<br>Clucces (mL/hour)<br>(mmol/L) Scale C<br>Less than 3<br>3 - 49<br>5 - 79<br>8 - 109<br> | Doctor /<br>NMP |  |  |





| 11. | 11. Hovering over the order details will show the sliding scale table.   |   |                 |  |
|-----|--|---|-----------------|--|
|     |  | Details   |                 |  |
|     | △ RD8-GH Ward 18; Bay A; 02 Fin#:3611158 Admit: 02/Nov/2017 11:59 GM   | NT  |                 |  |
|     | ∠ Continuous     The soluble human Order 29/Dec/2017 15:03   | DOSE: 50 mL - ROUTE: intraVENOUS - infusion - RATE: 0.2 mL/hour - INFUSE OVER: 250 hours - Call                         |                 |  |
|     | for Infusion 50 unit [0 GMT  | Blood Insulin Infusion Rate Glucose (mL/hour) (mmol/L) Scale A  |                 |  |
|     |  | (cont.) 50 mL<br>Details:<br>DOSE: 50 mL - ROUTE: intraVENOUS - infusion - RATE: 0.2 mL/hour - INFUSE OVER: 250 hours - |                 |  |
|     |  | Call doctor if Blood Glucose <3 or >20 - START: 29/Dec/17 15:03 GMT<br>Order Comment:<br>Blood Insulin Infuzion Rate    |                 |  |
|     |  | (mmol/L) Scale A  |                 |  |
|     |  | Less than 3 0.2   |                 |  |
|     |  | 3 - 4.9 0.5   |                 |  |
|     |  | 5 - 7.9 1.0   |                 |  |
|     |  | 8 -10.9 2.0   |                 |  |
|     |  | 11 - 14.9 3.5   |                 |  |
|     |  | 15 - 19.9 5.0   |                 |  |
|     |  | >20 6.0   |                 |  |
|     |  |   |                 |  |
|     | Review and click   |   |                 |  |
| 12. | Navigate to Drug Chart and confirm tha<br>Hovering over the order will again show  | t the order displays correctly.<br>the order details and the sliding scale table  | Doctor /<br>NMP |  |
|     | <u> </u>   | 3   |                 |  |
|     | Drug Chart Drug Chart All Control of the second sec | blet - ONCE a 0000  |                 |  |
|     | Task List Assessments/Fluid Balance Assessments/Fluid Balance Administration type  |   |                 |  |
|     | Discontinued Scheduled     Furosemide  |   |                 |  |
|     | Clinical Notes Clinical Notes Allergies Allergies Allergies Allergies Clinical Notes Dose d angle RODIE card Dose d angle RODI | ablet - once<br>500 GMT - STOP:   |                 |  |
|     | Problems and Diagnoses   |   |                 |  |
|     | Form Browser   | Pending<br>Iusion 50 unit [ Not given   |                 |  |
|     | Documentation + Add - RATE: 0.2 million - INFUG  | NUCLS - Infusion 4 days.  |                 |  |
|     | Patient Information - Call dottor if blood Gluco<br>START: 29/Dec/17 15:03:00 (0)<br>Appointments Blood Insulin Infusio  | 9% Infusion (cont.) 50 mL   |                 |  |
|     | Drug Chart Summary Drug Chart Summary Drug Chart Summary D Sodium chloride 0.9% IS   | VER: 200 hours - Call doctor if Blood Glucose <3 or >20 - START: 29/Dec/17  |                 |  |
|     | Medication Supply  | lood Insulin Infusion Rate  |                 |  |
|     | HIE Community View Sodium Chloride   | nmo/L) Scale A  |                 |  |
|     | - RATE 7.5 mU/hour - INFUS           Quick Orders         - STARI: 29/Dec/17 11:24:00           Administration Information         -   | 49 0.5  |                 |  |
|     | Insulin soluble human<br>Sodium chloride 0.9%  | -79 1.0   |                 |  |
|     | Potassium Chloride 0.3% (8<br>DOSE: 1,000 ml - ROUTE: in -   | -10.9 2.0   |                 |  |
|     | infusion - rate: 250 mit/or<br>4 hours - START: 29/0e/17 11<br>STOP: 29/0e/17 18:59:00 G   | 1 - 14.9 3.5  |                 |  |
|     | Route View Potassium chloride + Sodiu<br>Therapeutic Class Val 4   | 20 6.0  |                 |  |
|     | Care Plans Sodium Chloride 0.9% Infu<br>DOSE: 1,000 ml ROUTE: infu   | avenous -<br>w. INFIGE  |                 |  |
|     |  |   |                 |  |
| 13. | In order to view sections of the plan that   | at have not been ordered, and to order items later  | Doctor /        |  |
|     | on from the same plan, navigate to the   | e Request / Care Plans tab in PowerChart.   | NMP             |  |
|     | As a default, only items ordered off the   | plan will display. Click on the light-bulb to expand  |                 |  |
|     | the view to the whole plan (including ite  | ms not ordered and general information).  |                 |  |
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| 14  |  | Orders Document in Plan   |  | Doctor / |  |
| 17. | Obstetrics View  |   |  |          |  |
|     | Newborn Summary  | View  | 🔨 📢 🔊 🕇 Add to Phase - 🛄 Comments Start: 19/Mar/2018 16:18 GMT                             |          |  |
|     | Results Review   | Orders for Signature  | Offset 🕅 Component   |          |  |
|     | Requests/Care Plans 🔹 Add  | Plans   | Insulin DKA (Initiated)  |          |  |
|     | Drug Chart   | - Document in Plan  | Last updated on: 19/Mar/2018 10:18 GMT by: Test , ClinPrac01                               |          |  |
|     | Task List  | 🗄 Medical   | General  |          |  |
|     | Assessments/Eluid Palance  | Insulin DKA (Initiated)   | Referral to Diabetic Nurse   |          |  |
|     | Assessments/Fluid Balance  | Ward 1 TTO packs (Completed)                                    | Monitoring   |          |  |
|     |  | • Suggested Plans (3)   | Potassium level, blood   |          |  |
|     | Clinical Notes   | Orders  | Prescribing  |          |  |
|     | Allergies 🕂 Add  | Non Categorised   | 🗹 🛛 🍗 🔭 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Infusion 500 mL   |          |  |
|     | Problems and Diagnoses   | Diet  | 🖌 +15 min 🖙 🕅 Sodium Chloride 0.0% Infusion 500 ml   |          |  |
|     | Form Browser   |   |  |          |  |
|     | Histories  | Medications   | 🗹 +30 min 🍗 🕅 Sodium Chloride 0.9% Infusion 500 mL   |          |  |
|     | Tilstones  |   |  |          |  |
|     |  |   |  |          |  |
|     | 📢 😵 🚫 🕂 Add to Phase 🗸   | Comments Start: 19/Mar/2018 16:18 GMT Stop:                     | None   |          |  |
|     | Solution Offset 🕅 Co   | mponent Status  | Details  |          |  |
|     | Insulin DKA (Initiated) 19/Mar/2   | 018 16:18 GMT   |  |          |  |
|     | Last updated on: 19/Mar/2018   | .6:18 GMT by: Test , ClinPrac01                                 |  |          |  |
|     | △ Patient Care   | and Churren BOC   |  |          |  |
|     | A Continuous   |   |  |          |  |
|     | Diagnosis  |   |  |          |  |
|     | 🚱 Ve   | nous Blood Glucose > 11 mmol/L                                  |  |          |  |
|     | BI   | ood Ketones > 3 mmol/L  |  |          |  |
|     | A  | idosis: pH < 7.5 of 7 and Venous Bicarbonate < 15 mmol/E        |  |          |  |
|     | If   | ou are unsure of diagnosis please refer to Diabetes - intravenc | ous insulin pathway selection plan.  |          |  |
|     | General  |   |  |          |  |
|     | Ger Se   | verity Criteria - Consider HDU/ITU admission if:                |  |          |  |
|     | Ke   | tones > 6 mmol/L  |  |          |  |
|     | Bi   | arbonate < 5 mmol/L   |  |          |  |
|     | Pr   | 1 < 7.1<br>tassium < 3.5 mmol/l                                 |  |          |  |
|     | G  | S < 12  |  |          |  |
|     | Sy   | stolic BP < 90 mmHg   |  |          |  |
|     | HI OT  | art Rate > 100 or < 60 bpm                                      |  |          |  |
|     | AI 😚 AI  | patients presenting with DKA MUST be referred to the Diabete    | es Team  |          |  |
|     | 🗹 💆 R  | ferral to Diabetic Nurse Ordered                                | d 19/Mar/18 16:18:00 GMT, DKA, Urgent  |          |  |
|     | Monitoring   |   |  |          |  |
|     |  | I, Potassium, and Bicarbonate are monitored 2 hourly for the f  | irst 6 hours and then at 8 and 12 hours  |          |  |
|     |  | tassium level, blood Ordered (Awaiti                            | a Bieep/tei no.: 1234, Coll priority: Orgent, Collection DT/TM: 19/Mar/18 16:18:0<br>ng Co |          |  |
|     | 🗖 🗖 Ві   | carbonate level, blood  | -  |          |  |
|     | 💆 ВІ   | ood Glucose, Ketones - use "Glucose (point of care)" order, Uri | ne Output and GCS is monitored hourly  |          |  |
|     | 🔲 💆 G  | ucose level, blood  |  |          |  |
|     |  | is analysis, blood  |  |          |  |
|     | Prescribing  | ai Signs Adult  |  |          |  |
|     | - rescribing   | not stop Long Acting Insulin (e.g. Levemir /                    | Lantus / Tresiba)  |          |  |
|     | 🗆 💆 In   | sulin Soluble Fixed Rate Infusion                               | DOSE: 50 mL - ROUTE: intraVENOUS - infusion  |          |  |
|     | St 🖉 St  | opping fixed rate insulin infusion once DKA has resolved:       |  |          |  |
|     |  |   |  |          |  |
| 15  | If required selec  | t items that need to be ordered                                 | d from the plan by putting a tick in the   | Doctor / |  |
| 10. | in required, select items that need to be ordered from the plan by putting a tick in the |   |  |          |  |
|     | respective box (see step 3). If additional details need to be completed, see step 9.     |   |  |          |  |
|     | Orders For Simohum   |   |  |          |  |
|     | Click Urders For   | Signature and then click  | Sign   |          |  |
|     |  |   |  |          |  |