



**Veterans  
Administration**

## **How to Draw up U-500 (Concentrated) Insulin with a Tuberculin Syringe**



**National Center for  
Patient Safety**

**If you have  
questions about  
your U-500 insulin  
after the visit, do  
not call your  
*primary care  
clinic.***

**Please call your  
Diabetes Health  
Care provider  
# \_\_\_\_\_,  
Diabetes Educator  
# \_\_\_\_\_ or  
Pharmacist  
# \_\_\_\_\_.**

**After hours call  
your facility  
24-hour Care Line  
# \_\_\_\_\_**

### **TWO IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER**

- ★ 1. U-500 insulin is FIVE times stronger than U-100 insulin.
  
- ★ 2 .To make sure you get the right amount of U-500 insulin you must change to a Tuberculin syringe to draw up your insulin.

## Important Changes

Your prescription label for U-500 insulin will be different.

It will read: U-500 insulin.  
Inject \_\_\_\_\_ units (\_\_\_\_ ml.)  
You will draw up your U-500 insulin in ml. using a Tuberculin syringe which is marked in ml.

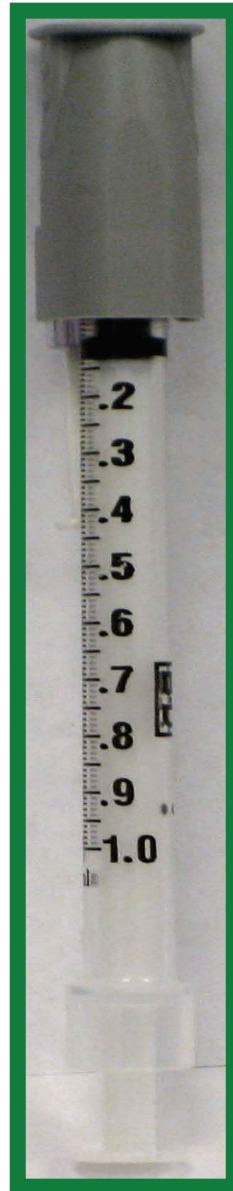
DO **NOT** USE U-100 SYRINGES WITH U-500 INSULIN!

Before you leave the visit, practice with your Diabetes Health Care provider how to:

1. Use the right syringes (Tuberculin with ml. markings).
2. Draw up your correct amount of U-500 insulin.

Ask questions to make sure you are taking the right amount of U-500 insulin, in the right syringe, and at the right time.

Using a Tuberculin syringe means you will draw up your insulin in ml.



Notes:

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