Bring SUSTOL to room temperature STEP

To bring SUSTOL to room temperature:

- Remove SUSTOL kit from refrigeration. Open carton and remove tray. Open tray and unpack warming pouches. Wait a minimum of 60 minutes prior to use to allow SUSTOL and the warming pouches to warm to room temperature.
- SUSTOL may be left out at room temperature overnight, and for up to 7 days, before it must be discarded. SUSTOL may be re-refrigerated if not used within the 7 day period.
- Warming SUSTOL prior to injection decreases the viscosity and makes administration easier. Bringing SUSTOL to room temperature prior to warming with the sodium acetate warming pouch will facilitate warming of SUSTOL to body temperature.

Prepare the syringe STEP

Follow these steps to prepare SUSTOL for use:

1. **CAUTION** Examine all contents of the package. Do not use if any component is damaged.

2. Check the expiration date on the syringe. Do not use if the expiration date has passed.

3. **OPTIONAL** Remove the perforated flag label from the plunger rod.

4. To ensure that the syringe contains the full dose, check that the gray stopper is close to or below the black line on the syringe barrel label as shown in the illustration. Do **NOT** expel air bubbles. For a subcutaneous injection, air bubbles in the syringe will not harm the patient.

5. Unscrew the tip cap from the end of the pre-filled glass syringe. Do **NOT** use if the tip cap is missing or has been tampered with. Do **NOT** use if the Luer fitting is missing or dislodged.

6. Remove the hub cover from the 18G x 5/8” needle supplied with the syringe. Attach the needle to the syringe and seat the needle securely. Do **NOT** remove the blue needle cover. Do **NOT** substitute with any other needle.

Warm SUSTOL to body temperature STEP

Just prior to administering the injection, follow these steps:

SUSTOL must be warmed to body temperature immediately prior to injection to reduce viscosity and facilitate administration.

SUSTOL is packaged with two warming pouches. The warming pouches use a non-toxic solution of sodium acetate to create an exothermic (warming) reaction. The second warming pouch can be used if SUSTOL is not immediately administered within the 15 minutes provided by the first warming pouch and needs to be re-warmed.

Before activating the warming pouch, make sure that the SUSTOL kit was removed from the refrigerator and that the warming pouches were unpacked from the kit at least 60 minutes prior to use to allow SUSTOL and the warming pouches to warm to room temperature.

1. To activate the warming pouch, locate the metal disc and grasp with thumb and fingers of both hands. Flex (bend) the disc rapidly until crystals begin to form (fluid will start to turn white). Massage warming pouch for a few seconds to soften and to increase the activation rate.
Select an injection site

STEP To select an injection site, use these guidelines:

1. Use the skin of the abdomen at least one inch from the umbilicus or the skin of the back of the upper arms as sites for subcutaneous injections.

WARNING: For SUBCUTANEous injection only.

Do NOT inject within 1 inch of the umbilicus or anywhere the skin is:
• Burned • Hardened • Inflamed • Swollen • Compromised

For subsequent injections, use the same general area of the body. However, be sure not to inject in the exact same place. Administer new injections at least 1 inch from the previous site.

Inject SUSTOL

STEP Follow these steps to inject SUSTOL:

1. Remove the syringe from the warming pouch.

 WARNING: The white finger flange on the syringe provides better control when administering SUSTOL. Do NOT remove white finger flange.

2. Use standard aseptic technique when performing the injection.

3. Pinch the skin and underlying subcutaneous tissue with your non-dominant hand to create a “tent.” Insert the needle into the subcutaneous tissue at a 30° - 45° angle with your dominant hand.

WARNING: Administer SUSTOL ONLY as a subcutaneous injection. NEVER administer intravenously, intramuscularly or intraperitoneally.

4. FOR ADDITIONAL STABILITY, once the needle is inserted into the subcutaneous tissue, release the "tent" and hold the syringe barrel with your non-dominant hand.

5. Press the plunger using a slow, firm, and steady push until you have delivered the entire dose. Do not use excessive force to inject the material more quickly, as this will only result in greater difficulty with the injection.

 WARNING: Due to the high viscosity of SUSTOL, you will experience resistance when injecting SUSTOL. Apply firm and steady pressure to the plunger for about 20-30 seconds. Pressing harder will NOT expel SUSTOL faster.

Do NOT advance or reposition the syringe in the subcutaneous tissue during the injection.

6. Because SUSTOL is highly viscous, before withdrawing the needle, make sure that the medication is completely expelled by checking the position of the stopper at the base of the syringe barrel.

7. Withdraw the needle. Do not remove the needle from the syringe. Use the enclosed Point-Lok® device to prevent needle sticks.

Place the Point-Lok needle protection device, supplied within the SUSTOL kit, on a secured flat surface. Do not hold the Point-Lok device in your hand. Carefully insert the exposed needle into the opening at the top of the Point-Lok device and push down until the needle is fully seated in the Point-Lok device. This action will seal the needle tip and lock the needle firmly into the Point-Lok device. Discard the protected needle and attached syringe using your organization's standard sharps disposal procedures.


Questions about how to use SUSTOL?

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