

## Before administering an iron infusion you should:



ensure resuscitation facilities are available and staff are familiar with the local medical emergency team (MET) criteria and when to initiate a MET call



not administer iron infusions out of hours unless urgent and staffing levels are appropriate



discuss with the patient or their primary care giver and obtain consent as per local policy, provide written information



place the patient in a clinical area where they can be closely monitored during the infusion



perform baseline observations eg temperature, respiratory rate, heart rate and blood pressure



check patient notes – do not administer IV iron where there has been a previous allergic reaction, where there is severe liver dysfunction and/or pre-existing iron overload



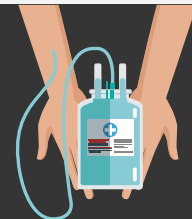
ensure the patient is not receiving oral iron therapy, and that they should not recommence oral iron one week after the last dose of IV therapy



check the patient for pre-existing rashes



perform a baseline weight and height to enable accurate calculation of dose of IV iron



check IV patency and flush with normal saline prior to ordering and commencement of the infusion