

# Compassion and Support

The Infusion Center of  
Wilmington Health is where  
you will find a dedicated medical  
team providing collaborative  
medical and emotional care that  
promotes healing and comfort.

## The Infusion Center at Wilmington Health

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Infusion Center



# Administering a **Healthy** Dose of **Healing**



## There is nothing more important than your health. The Infusion Center is here to assist you with your infusion healthcare needs.

Infusion (IV) therapy involves the administration of medication through a needle or catheter. This therapy is prescribed when a patient's condition cannot be treated effectively by oral medication. Typically, infusion therapy means that a drug is administered through a vein. The term may also refer to a situation where drugs are provided through other non-oral routes, such as injections. Medications such as antibiotics, antivirals, and cancer drugs can be delivered by infusion therapy. In some cases, when patients need more fluids, infusion therapy can be used for hydration.

### Conditions We Treat

Here are a few examples of conditions treated with IV infusion therapy:

- Ankylosing spondylitis
- Behcet's disease
- Cancers
- Common variable immunodeficiency
- Crohn's disease
- Dermatomyositis
- Guillain-Barre Syndrome
- Iritis
- Migraine therapies
- Multiple sclerosis
- Osteoporosis
- Pemphigus
- Psoriasis
- Psoriatic arthritis
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Systemic lupus erythematosus
- Ulcerative colitis
- PICC line care and maintenance

### Our Treatment Therapies

We have expertise in providing the following infusion therapies:

- Tysabri
- Solumedrol
- Immune Globulin
- Ondansetron IV (*Zofran*)
- Infliximab (*Remicade*)
- Tocilizumab (*Actemera*)
- Reclast
- IV antibiotic therapy
- Port access, maintenance, and blood draws
- Rituximab
- Abatacept (*Orencia*)
- Therapeutic phlebotomy
- Belimumab (*Benlysta*)
- Pegloticase (*Krystexxa*)
- Chemotherapy

*We also offer a number of treatments that are not listed above.*

### Infusion Therapy Guidelines

The Infusion Center recognizes the unique needs of our infusion patients. We understand the desire to have family and friends present during treatments. However, there are times that visitors may be restricted at the discretion of our nursing staff. We will make every effort to be flexible with these guidelines.

- Because of possible infection risk, children under the age of 18 are not allowed in the infusion center.
- Please, no perfume, colognes, or fragrances.
- Infusion times are highly specialized and individualized, running from 30 minutes to over six hours.
- Bring a pen/pencil and paper to write down questions and their answers.
- Books, magazines, e-readers, crossword puzzles, word search games, or Sudoku are welcome.
- Free WiFi is available. We respectfully ask that you mute or use earphones with all electronic devices like iPads, laptop computers, cell phones, electronic games, and MP3 players, so they don't disturb other patients.
- Bring along handiwork such as knitting, crochet needlework, etc.
- Wear comfortable clothing that is personally easy to adjust in case you become overly warm or cool.
- Infusions are usually administered through an arm, so please wear clothing that is easy for the nurse to access.
- You may want to bring a small, personal blanket. The Infusion Center is kept on the cool side to decrease the chance of infection.
- Certain infusions may require that someone drive you home.
- Only documented service animals will be allowed in the infusion area. No pets.

