Contact the Infusion Center

Some infusion centers will provide an order set. If not, you can find a sample form here: www.infusioncenter.org/infusion-order-form

Send Order And Supporting Documentation

In addition to the order, it is important to provide documentation supporting medical necessity so the infusion center can submit for a prior authorization such as:
- Test results supporting the diagnosis
- Treatments that have been tried and failed
- Pre-treatment screening results

Don’t forget to include the patient’s demographics, home medications and allergies, and a copy of their insurance card (front and back).

Prepare Your Patient

The Infusion Access Foundation (IAF) is a nonprofit association that empowers and advocates for patients who use provider-administered medications to manage their chronic, complex diseases. IAF supports patients on their disease management journey, from preparing for their treatment to paying for it. These free resources can be found at www.patientaccess.org

Patients' out-of-pocket costs can vary significantly depending on the care setting.

Infusion/injection services can cost 2-3x more at hospital-affiliated infusion centers compared to non-hospital infusion centers. Infusion centers can often help patients navigate financial assistance and manufacturer support programs.
**Patient Info**
In addition to the patient’s name and date of birth, height and weight may be required to calculate or double check weight-based dosing.

**Diagnosis Codes**
Select a valid ICD-10 diagnosis code that is supported by the patient’s medical records. To ensure a diagnosis code is billable, be as specific as possible.

**Patient Monitoring**
Note if the patient should be screened for contraindications before treatment, and/or monitored for a period of time after treatment.

**Medication Orders**
Ensure the order includes all necessary information such as:
- Medications to be given before treatment ("premeds")
- Medications that may be given during treatment if needed (be sure to include the indication)
- Infusion rate titration instructions

The National Infusion Center Association (NICA) is a nonprofit advocacy organization formed to improve patient access to office administered intravenous and injectable medications and therapies. For more information about NICA, visit [www.infusioncenter.org](http://www.infusioncenter.org)