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*All patient quotes used are real feedback from RBWH patients.

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Sodium Chloride 0.9% (saline) IV Therapy comes in various bags sizes.

Using **1 Litre bags** is less likely to cause bloodstream infections when used for 2 or more doses of IV medicine each day.

Giving your IV medicines via **1 Litre bag** uses **3 times less plastic waste** than the 100mL bags and is better for the environment.

1 Litre bags cost **80% less** than 100mL bags to use.

The Better Administration of Intravenous Medications (BAM-IV) Project is a quality improvement initiative to reduce your risk of infection through your veins, reduce plastic waste, and the cost of equipment.

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We value your feedback and patient experience

We are always looking for ways to improve our healthcare service.

Talk to your **health care professional** (Nurse, Pharmacist, Doctor) about your health care goals.

If you wish to share your experience with the project team, please email to RBWH Clinical Pharmacology: ClinicalPharmacology@health.qld.gov.au

If you wish to provide general feedback about your hospital experience, please scan the QR code to submit feedback online.



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your team



Ask the nurse unit
manager



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say survey



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IV Therapy

If you are on **2 or more doses of IV medicines per day**, you can be connected to IV Therapy (or drip) of *Sodium Chloride 0.9% (saline) 1 Litre bag*. **You may hear it called a drip**. In between IV medicines, *IV Therapy* may be given slowly through your veins.

- Benefits:**
- **Less risk of infection**
 - **Less plastic waste for the environment**
 - **Less cost of equipment**

IV Therapy is used for many reasons including:

- for patients who may not be able to drink or eat
- to dilute IV medicine to safely give to you

Your **dose will depend on your condition**, health history, age, blood test, weight and how well your kidneys are working. If you can take your medicine by mouth, you may be able to be switched from IV (drip) to ORAL (tablet) medicines.

