Infusion Therapy

Infusion Therapy is a method of instilling vitamins, minerals, alkalizing agents and detoxifying agents directly into the bloodstream. Because the digestive tract is bypassed they are completely and rapidly absorbed. This creates high blood levels, which saturates and nourishes the body’s cells in ways that is not possible when absorbed orally. Infusions can treat both acute and chronic disease as well as promoting and maintaining optimal wellness and preventing disease. Vitamin C is especially useful in very high doses of up to 50,000 milligrams for some illnesses. The ‘Myers’ Cocktail’ is a common formulation that is composed of seven B-Vitamins, calcium, magnesium, zinc, selenium, vitamin C and bicarbonate. Glutathione is especially of use in detoxification. Other minerals and nutrients are also of use for specific conditions. The specific formulation, and frequency used, for each patient and condition is based on the latest medical literature and Dr. Straus’s 26 years of clinical experience. Conditions that can respond to infusion therapy include:

**Acute Illness:**
- Respiratory infection and asthma attacks: Colds, Influenza and Pneumonia.
- Epstein-Barr/Mono.
- Early Lyme disease, migraine and cluster headaches.
- Wound healing.
- Muscle strains and joint sprains.

**Prevention and Wellness:**
- Athletic performance enhancement.
- Pre and Post surgical preparation and recovery.
- Declining memory, cognitive abilities, stamina and motivation.

**Chronic Illnesses:**
- Autoimmune disease: Rheumatoid arthritis, Lupus
- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and fatigue in general
- Fibromyalgia
- Hepatitis C and other viral illness, including AIDS, herpies
- Chronic Lyme and Post Lyme Syndrome
- Seasonal and other environmental allergies
- Heart Diseases: Hypertension, heart failure, arrhythmias and coronary artery disease
- Depression
- Malabsorption due to inflammatory bowel diseases and celiac disease
- Macular degeneration

**Other Conditions:**
- **Cancer:** High dose Vitamin C infusions (25-50 grams) supports the conventional treatments of radiation, chemotherapy and surgery. Infusions are done one or two days before
each chemotherapy treatment to lesson side effects and to enhance the therapeutic effects of chemotherapy and other conventional therapies. When administered up to twice weekly, along with oral use to maintain high blood levels, vitamin C also has direct antitumor effects.

- **Detoxification:** High Dose vitamin C and Glutathione are natural chelating agents that pull toxic metals and organic chemicals from the body.
  - Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s and Multiple Sclerosis respond especially well to Glutathione with Vit. C.

**Fees:**

Insurance does not cover the cost of IV medications, as there is no FDA approval of these nutrients in the intravenous or other forms. Nursing expenses are covered but this is not sufficient for the costs incurred. The fee for the Myer’s Cocktail, and most other infusions that are administered over 30 minutes, is $75.00. For the high dose vitamin C of either 25,000mg or 50,000mg over 90 minutes the fee is $150.00.

**Resources:**


http://www.patientsmedical.com/treatments/ivtherapy/ivtherapy.aspx Overview of IV therapies


Carter D, Osborne V, Raffety S. Parental Micronutrient Therapy, Special Ed. 2004

