

Participant AU7

This participant AU7 and it is the 15th May 2019. So just to begin then how were you feeling as you did that made and gave that dose?

Fairly confident, the system that I use was fairly easy and did a step by step guide so even if you've not given the drug before you know what you are doing.

Did you feel tired or under pressure or rushed or anything like that?

No not really. I normally feel pressure with someone watching me but I didn't feel pressure this time.

That's good.

Am I right in thinking you've just come on shift today about half an hour ago?

Yeah about half an hour ago.

Fine and were there any distractions while you were doing that?

No not really.

So there are a couple of differences between what I saw and what I was expecting. So one of them was I think you...it looked like you drew up the whole dose.

Yep.

Which would be a 400mg dose and the prescription was for 360, and the other thing was just the rate, you gave it over an hour and the...I was expecting it to be over 2-3 hours.

Ok.

And that's because of this mg per kilogram per hour calculation there. So what we're trying to do is explore what it is that makes people go down a different path and understand that. So could you just talk through your thinking as you decided what volume of drug to give and what speed to give it at?

So when I do IVs I normally draw up back up the whole vial anyway and then get rid of whatever bit I don't need and then for the speed to go through the volume I guess I just miscalculated it, but that's why we get double checkers.

That is a real artificial limit in this study isn't it, I completely see that. So did you intend to give the 9.6mls?

I didn't give 9.6, I titrated it out.

Fine. And then the miscalculation yeah. So can you think about...so thinking of the rate then the rate we need to talk about now, kind of why do you think that was miscalculated?

Ummm, I probably just didn't ready it properly and then with the maths I don't know, I guess I just misread it but.

Ok. Do you think that's related to how the information is presented here?

I think so I think because it says on here "dilute and give over 1-3 hours" it's misleading, so I put it up at 1 hour without doing the maths it looks like you can give it over an hour, so I

suppose if you are in a rush, you were in resus situation and doctors are yelling down your neck to get it in and quickly you would read the “dilute and give over 1-3 hours” and you would automatically presume that over 1 hour is appropriate to give.

That’s fine, lot of people have told me that. You are far from alone in that and it’s obvious when you look at it isn’t it.

Ok. So how could we change the guide to stop that sort of thing from happening do you think?

I think maybe just have it with that maths, so rather than having it “dilute and give over 1-3 hours” cause that’s such a big window when it comes to giving drugs. We usually just have it as just doing maths and then you have to do the maths to figure it out correctly.

Yep that makes sense.

Rather than having it as ‘you can have it over this but it needs to be this.’

Great thank you very much for that.