Precautions when setting syringe pumps

Key points for safe use

(Case) When the patient’s room was visited to check the remaining drug solution volume within the syringe set in the syringe pump, it was found that the syringe flange was not properly inserted into the slit.

1 Precautions when setting the syringe pump

- Confirm that the syringe is properly set in the syringe pump.

If the flange is not properly inserted into the slit, the set drug volume will not be injected.
Precautions when setting the syringe

**Proper setting of the syringe**
- Insert the syringe flange into the slit!
- The plunger and slider should be tightly in contact with one another!
- Set the syringe so that the indicator lines can be seen!
- Always set the syringe holder!

**Improper setting of the syringe**
- The syringe flange is not properly inserted into the slit
- The plunger and slider is not tightly in contact with one another when administration is initiated
- The indicator lines cannot be seen
- Forgot to set the syringe holder
- Expected volume cannot be injected!
- Risk of siphoning!
- Unable to confirm remaining volume!
- Injection cannot be initiated!
Besides mistakes in setting the syringe, there are cases where the decimal or number of digits is entered incorrectly when setting the volume or healthcare professionals forgot to press the start button. Always confirm the set volume again before pressing the start button.

Error in entry

Instructions from physician
Flow rate 3.0mL/h

Forgot to press the start button

Rapid injection!

Injection cannot be initiated!

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) issued notification related to PMDA Medical Safety Information No. 50.

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