

Title: Labelling syringes in Niki pumps

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Health Service	There is some resistance in our palliative care unit to label syringes within NikiT34 pumps. It was previously practice to label the tubing immediately adjacent to the pump – a hangover from Graseby's The palliative care unit are saying the contents of the label (patient details, drug details) aren't visible when the syringe is loaded, and if you were to take the syringe out to it would delete/reset the infusion history. Does your hospital require labelling on syringes loaded into drivers?
Barwon Health (Claire Passlow)	Label is placed on the tubing immediately adjacent to the pump
Southern Health (Brodie Smith)	'Syringe Driver – using a 'Niki T34' for Continuous Subcutaneous Infusion (CSCI) Procedure' includes procedure for labelling syringe with subcut medication label.
Cabrini (Julie Houghton)	We do use labels; however we do not attach them to the actual driver or line. As we use locked cases for all Nikki pumps, the label is placed into the case at time of making up of syringe and setting up of the driver, and the patient details then checked at the bedside.

Upon further discussion and trials the following practice was agreed for BH:

Application of labels to syringes in Niki T34 syringe drivers does not interfere with the device accurately assessing syringe size or volume. If the label is not flat and smooth the pump may initially guess the wrong syringe i.e. it will see a larger diameter. The user must check that the correct syringe is displayed before activating the pump. If the incorrect syringe is displayed initially the user must use the UP/DOWN button to select the correct syringe and then they can proceed.

For the label contents to remain visible whilst loaded in the driver the small subcut label must be used AND a 20mL syringe size (or larger) must be used

The label, once completed, is stuck on the syringe as follows:

- Holding the syringe vertically with plunger in a downward direction apply top edge of label flush to the right hand side of the numerals
- The right hand edge flush against the zero end of the syringe barrel
- The label folded (roughly) along the line at the bottom of the medicines box and 'flagged'

