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The Importance of Keeping an Infusion Log

As the mother of an 18-year old with PIDD, I'm no stranger to keeping an infusion log. I have received lots of positive feedback from our immunologist regarding the ease with which they can locate information during our doctor visits. As a registered nurse, I know the importance of documentation and organization. It is my hope that I can share some of my experience and give you ideas to make your own record keeping both easy and beneficial to you and your healthcare provider.

HOW

Keeping an Infusion log

This doesn't have to be a daunting task. There are many ways to document your infusions. The important thing is doing it. You can use a computer spread sheet that you set up yourself, a BioRx Infusion Log, or a simple notebook with paper. Some pharmaceutical companies print their own logs—ask your advocate how to get one.

WHAT & WHEN

Document! Whether you infuse IVIG or SCIG, it is important to document each time treatments are given. This is a valuable tool in tracking and sharing information with your physician. The main factors to include in your log:

- Date and Time
- Brand of Ig whether IVIG or SCIG
- Dose
- Lot numbers*
- Location or sites of infusion
- Recent health status including any infections since last visit

**The lot numbers can be found on the side of the bottle. Many have easily removable labels that will stick right onto your log or paper.*

WHAT ELSE

Keep a brief health status report in your log as well. Document:

- Any doctor visits including the outcome
- Any lab tests or other tests that are done
- Any medications that are started, especially antibiotics or steroids
- The start and end dates of antibiotics, steroids or any other medication used during that time

WHY

Be sure to take your infusion log to all doctor visits. Keeping track of your infusions and any episode of infection helps your healthcare provider track any trends that may be occurring.

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