

What are the things you need to Review and Practice and Formulas?

Grams to mg (g → mg)
milligrams to mcg (micrograms)
kilograms to lbs (pounds) & to grams
lbs (pounds) to oz & to grams

Liters to ml & to oz & to pints
Cups to fluid ounces (oz)
Pints (pts) to cups to fluid oz
Quart(s) to Pint (pt)
Teaspoon (tsp) to tablespoon (tbsp) to **oz**

Celsius (°C) to Fahrenheit (°F)

IV TUBING – Macro/Micro - gtts/ml
Macrodrop IV flow rate (**10, 15, or 20**)
Microdrop IV flow rate (**60** gtts/ml)

* Medical Abbreviations

- * **Fractions** and Decimals (conversion of fractions to decimal, decimal to percent)
- * **Ratios**, percent to decimal

* **Decimal to Percent** = you will have to Multiply the decimal by **100**

CONVERSIONS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Weight:

1 mg = 1000 mcg
 1 g = 1000 mg = 10⁶ mcg (1,000 000)
 1g = 15 gr (grain)
 1 kg = 1000 g = **2.2 lbs**
 1lb = 16 oz = **454 g**
 1 gr (grain) = 60 mg (standard)

Volume:

1 ml = 1 **cubic centimeter**(cc) = 15 gtts
 1 tsp (teaspoon) = 5 mL
 1 **tbsp** (tablespoon) = 15 mL = **3 tsp**
 1 **tbsp** = 3 tsp (teaspoon)
 1 oz = 30 mL = **2 tbsp = 6 tsp**
 1 oz = **2 tbsp = 6 tsp**
 6 oz = 1 teacup
 8 oz = 1 cup or glass = 240 mL
 16 oz = 1 pint = **2 cups**
 *1 **pt** = ½ quart ≈ 500 mL = ½ liter(L)
 2 **pints** = 32 oz = 4 cups = **1 quart**
 1 L = 1,000 mL ≈ 1 quart
 1 gal = 4 quarts

Temperature: T_c = °C; T_F = °F

T_F = 1.8T_c + 32

$$T_c = \frac{(T_f - 32)}{1.8}$$

Length:

1 **inch** (in) = 2.5 cm
 12 **inch** (inches) = 1 ft
 1 **meter** = 100 centimeter (cm)

$$\text{Wanted Qty} = \frac{O}{H} \times \text{Qty} \quad (\text{Qty} - \text{on hand unit} = \text{ml, tablet, capsule})$$

O = order (from doctor); H = on hand at the facility; pharmacy/medicine cabinet

Wanted Qty = (or is either) **Tablets** (tab), **Capsule** (cap) or **Milliliter** (ml)

*Note: The O and H must be in the same unit. If not, you must convert one to the other.

*Use this formula if you need to do a conversion of units within the question

For example: if you need to convert → mg to mcg, or mg to g, or lbs to kg

$$\text{Desired Qty} = \frac{O}{H} \times \text{Conv. factor} \times \text{Qty} \quad (\text{on hand} \rightarrow \text{ml, tab, cap})$$

O = order (from doctor); H = on hand at the facility; pharmacy/medicine cabinet

Desired Qty = **Tablets** (tab), **Capsule** (cap) or **Milliliter** (ml)

$$\frac{\text{drops}}{\text{min}} = \frac{\text{gtts}}{\text{min}} = \text{FR} \times \frac{1\text{hr}}{60\text{min}} \times \text{DF} = \frac{\text{FR} \times \text{DF}}{60 \left(\frac{\text{min}}{\text{hr}}\right)} \quad \text{FR} = \text{Flow rate (is in ml/hr)}$$

DF (gtts/ml) = drop factor = **10, 15, 20 (macro)**; **60 (micro)**; **gtts** = means drops

$$\frac{w}{x} = \frac{y}{z} \quad \frac{w}{x} = \frac{y}{z}$$

w * z = x * y or w : x :: y : z

$$\text{Flow Rate} \left(\frac{\text{ml}}{\text{hr}}\right) = \frac{\text{Total IV volume (ml)}}{\text{Total infused Time (hr)}}$$

LIB (left in bag) Calculation

Step1 – **Calculate:** (T₂ – T₁) = Elapsed time (hr) = [2nd time - 1st time] nurse saw patient

Step2 - **Calculate:** Infused amount (ml) = **Flow Rate** $\left(\frac{\text{ml}}{\text{hr}}\right) \times (T_2 - T_1)$

Step 3 - **LIB (ml)** = Starting (original) order – Infused amount (ml) **or**

Step 3' - **LIB (ml)** = LIB IV Volume (ml) – Infused amount (ml)

HEPARIN (Concentration in Unit (U))- Calculations

Heparin Infused rate = $\frac{U}{hr}$; Heparin Supply (On-hand) = $\frac{U}{ml}$ = heparin per ml

$$\text{Heparin IV infusion rate} \left(\frac{\text{ml}}{\text{hr}}\right) = \left(\frac{\text{Infused rate}}{\text{Heparin Supply}}\right) = \left(\frac{U}{hr}\right) = \left[\frac{U}{hr} \times \frac{\text{ml}}{U}\right] = \text{ml/hr}$$

$$\text{Tot. Infusion time (hr)} = \frac{\text{Total IV Volume (ml)}}{\text{Flow rate}}$$

FR = **Flow rate** (ml/hr)

$$\text{Flow Rate} \left(\frac{\text{ml}}{\text{hr}}\right) = \frac{\text{Total IV volume (ml)}}{\text{Total infused Time (hr)}}$$