

A Journey of Growing Trust

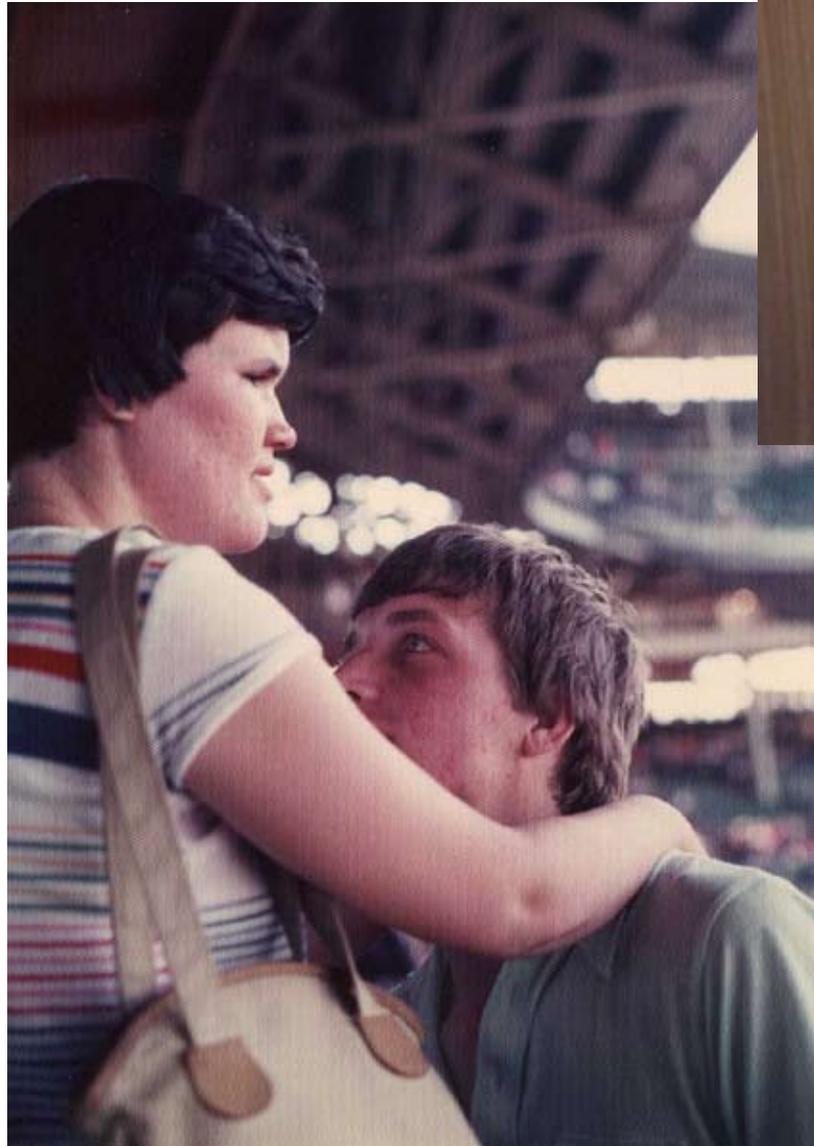




My mothers, when she was younger, before she had got Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)



Gerri with her husband when they were dating.



Before Gerri was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) she was an Irish-Step Dancer, she did Step Dancing k-12 and she loved doing it.



*“I am feeling much better now, thanks to all my doctors, I’m also glad that I **trusted** and had **faith** that they would take good care of me.”*



the nurse putting in the needle





250 mL

0.9%

SODIUM CHLORIDE
INJECTION, USP

PL ONLY



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her medication makes her
sleepy



LOT 50-162-JT

250 mL

0.9% SODIUM CHLORIDE INJECTION, USP

EACH 100 mL CONTAINS SODIUM CHLORIDE 900 mg IN WATER FOR INJECTION, ELECTROLYTES PER 1000 mL: SODIUM 154 mEq, CHLORIDE 154 mEq, 308 mOsm/LITER (CALC) pH 5.6 (4.5 to 7.0)

ADDITIONS MAY BE INCOMPATIBLE. CONSULT WITH PHARMACIST IF AVAILABLE WHEN INTRODUCING ADDITIVES. USE ASEPTIC TECHNIQUE. MIX THOROUGHLY AND DO NOT STORE SINGLE-DOSE CONTAINER FOR INTRAVENOUS USE. USUAL DOSAGE: SEE INSERT. STERILE, NONPYROGENIC. USE ONLY IF SOLUTION IS CLEAR AND CONTAINER IS UNDAMAGED. MUST NOT BE USED IN SERIES CONNECTIONS.

50

100

150

200

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32 ML
LITE INFUSION

Options



Total Volume

Occlusion Alarm Setting

Primary

Secondary

3.2

5.8

mL/h

Rate

Volume to be Infused

1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9
0 .

Run

Hold

On/Off Charge

Battery



GRASEBY 3000 Modular Infusion Pump

OPTIONS

- 1. Low Battery
- 2. Low Volume
- 3. Low Rate
- 4. Occlusion Alarm
- 5. Air in Line
- 6. High Pressure
- 7. High Flow
- 8. High Volume
- 9. High Rate
- 10. High Volume/Rate

TO CORRECT ALARMS

- No Flow Alarm Ring**
 - Check for kinks
 - Check for air in line
 - Check for occlusion
- Low Battery Alarm**
 - Check battery level
 - Replace battery
- Low Volume Alarm**
 - Check volume to be infused
 - Check for occlusion
- Low Rate Alarm**
 - Check rate
 - Check for occlusion
- High Pressure Alarm**
 - Check for kinks
 - Check for occlusion
 - Check for air in line
- High Flow Alarm**
 - Check flow rate
 - Check for occlusion
- High Volume Alarm**
 - Check volume to be infused
 - Check for occlusion
- High Volume/Rate Alarm**
 - Check volume to be infused
 - Check rate
 - Check for occlusion



TO OPERATE

See Operator's Manual for complete instructions.

1. Make sure the pump and cover are properly assembled for using aseptic technique.
 2. Make sure the drip chamber is inserted and all its rollers are present in place.
 3. Make sure the roller with bottom of drip chamber is locked.
 4. Prime - To air above top of pump for 100 to 200 mL.
 - Roll roller 30 cm above top of pump to volume 100 mL.
 5. To operate, open roller assembly, fit side rail and Safety Clip (glove completely inserted). Close pump door.
 6. Set Rate and Volume to be infused.
 7. Select Occlusion Alarm Setting.
 8. Open lower clamp.
 9. Press Run.
- To stop infusion, press Hold.

OPTIONS

Press Options until correct message appears, to preset Options (see number).

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Hardset Message | 3. Clock Roll Clean |
| 2. Line Remaining | 4. Rate Tap |
| 3. Message Display | 5. Volume Over Time |
| 4. Light | 6. Close Rate |
| 5. System Test | 6. Calculation |

TO CORRECT ALARMS

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- No Flow Above Pump**
- Open upper tubing clamp.
 - Raise bottom of drip chamber if it is inches above pump.

- Occlusion Above Pump**
- Open lower roller clamp.
 - Check for kinked tubing.
 - Check occlusion alarm setting.

- Air In Cassette**
- Indicates air in cassette or cassette covered in backflow. To remove air:
- Close lower roller clamp before opening or closing flow.
 - Pull door latch open flat.
 - Slowly pull door latch inward.
 - Repeat if necessary.

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The medication take alot out of her





After sitting in the chair Gerri is finally done getting her medication





A day at work takes alot out of her even when she's had her medication





Gerri with her three girls, Becky Mary, & Karen





Foreword

I dedicate this assignment to my mom, who has proven that people can have trust in their doctors. Mom was in pain for many years and knew that one day she would find a doctor who would help her. Mom proved that doctors could help you overcome pain and discomfort by just trusting them.

Doctors can help you live an ordinary life again. With a positive mental attitude trust can always be built. What does the word trust mean? The Webster Dictionary says it best: assured reliance on character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something. One who builds confidence, one who brings hope and faith to the person. These are all qualities that my mother looked for when she was trying to find a doctor who she could trust.

My mom built trust in her family doctor, Dr. Marx. Dr. Marx took a real interest in mom as a person; she would spend many visits with mom listening. Dr. Marx sent my mom to a specialist, by the name of Dr. Bunce. Dr. Bunce cared for mom's illness had a lot of knowledge and education behind him. All the dedication and time these doctors put in to help her, made my mom feel as if she was in good hands. She is active again, less stiffness and more in control of her medical care. My mom feels confident and is able to go back to work as a teacher's aide. These are all things mom hoped one day she would be able to do again.

People that don't trust doctors are those who refuse help and hear what the doctor has to say. Also the HMO's make it difficult at times. They are watching the cost of the doctors, limiting which doctors you are able to see and what tests you are able to get done. The HMO also set rules you have to follow. They sometimes will choose your doctors for you, almost like a bind date. You don't always have a choice to pick whom you are comfortable with and whom you think has the knowledge to help you as the patient. They are not always affordable to everyone. Sometimes they are not even reliable. These are just a few of the reasons why people may not trust their doctors. I am glad that my mom did trust her physician and is feel much better today. And she was able to teach me that with my constant back pain and frequent doctors visits, that trust is the key point in getting better.

She then sent up an appointment to meet the rheumatologist, Elaine Lambert. Dr.Lambert is also apart of the SOAR team, so Gerri felt comfortable with seeing Dr. Lambert. Dr.Lambert was in charge of the rheumatology department at Stanford hospital. And is also the Physician for the Stanford girl's basketball team.[7] With her background Gerri was really impressed because if Stanford was using her then she must be a well- informed doctor. Gerri then had a very long visit with Dr. Lambert and she felt very confident that she had come to the final part of her adventure. Dr. Lambert ordered intensive blood work and a in-depth physical. After that it didn't take long to diagnoses Gerri with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA), which is a form of arthritis with inflammation of the joint, stiffness, swelling, cartilaginous hypertrophy, and pain and is due to rheumatic fever. [8] Gerri had rheumatic fever when she was 4 yrs old. After Dr. Lambert finally confirmed that her problem was in fact a real one, Gerri and her husband, Bob, sat with Dr. Lambert to discuss the plan to help Gerri feel better. Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) is a long life disease; it is an autoimmune disease that causes inflammation in the lining of the joints.

It is a result of an insidious internal assault of the immune system on the joints. It mistakenly attacks the cells, tissue, and organs of your own body. Rheumatoid Arthritis causes range of motion in the joints and as well as pain and swelling. Rheumatoid Arthritis is a connective tissues disease.[9] The plan that they came up with was that Gerri would have blood work every month and would have to be on medication for the rest of her life. Also Gerri would have to eat well and exercise. This would be a big challenge in Gerri's life because Rheumatoid Arthritis is a unpredictable, and chronic and very painful disease. This meant Gerri would have to involved the input of many doctors. Dr. Lambert would monitor the Rheumatoid Arthritis, and Dr. Lambert would also make sure Gerri had the right amount of medication. And they discussed that some days would be harder then other days. But if she trusted in Dr. Marx and Dr. Lambert and took the medication that Dr. Lambert prescribed she could have a normal every day life. That very day Gerri started to work on her plan. She got herself a private trainer; she found a dietician and took the medication that Dr. Lambert gave her. Since 2004, following the instruction of Dr. Lambert, the blood work shows an improvement. Yet she is still struggling with pain and does get tried quite often yet she can hold a job now and is sleeping much better at night. She says "I am feeling much better now, thanks to all my doctors, I'm also glad that I trusted and had faith that they would take good care of me "

----- [1] Taber's Cyclopedic medical dictionary; 12th edition C 1973 [2] Fun fact [3] Fun Fact [4] Taber's Cyclopedic medical dictionary; 12th edition C 1973 [5] <http://www.heel-that-pain.com/> [6] Webster dictionary and also can be found in Taber's Cyclopedic medical dictionary; 12th edition C 1973 [7] Fun Fact [8] Taber's Cyclopedic medical dictionary; 12th edition C 1973 [9] What do you do when the doctor says its Rheumatoid Arthritis by Harry D. Fischer M.D C 2005