

## **Specialty Growth Hormone Medications at CHOC**

## Nutropin AQ ® NuSpin ®(somatropin) Injection

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## How to Give Your Dose:

- 1. Wash your hands with soap and water.
- 2. Clean the skin at and around the injection site.
  - a. Stomach (avoid 2 inches around the navel)
  - b. Front of thighs
- 3. Pull off the pen cap and turn the pen upside down 1 or 2 times to check that the NuSpin® in your pen is clear and colorless. If it is cloudy, do not use the pen.

4. When you are ready to give the injection, take a **new** disposable



needle, remove the paper tab, and push the needle straight onto the pen. Turn the needle **clockwise** until it is on tight.

- 5. Pull off outer needle cap and dispose of it. Do **not** use a bent or damaged needle.
- 6. Turn the dose counter to the correct dose in mg.
- 7. With your free hand, gently grasp or pinch a large area of the skin at the injection site and hold firmly for the entire injection procedure
- 8. Position the needle end of the pre-filled pen at a right angle (90 degrees) to the skin, so that you can see the window. One or more bubbles in the window is normal.
- 9. Press and hold the dose button until the dose counter shows "0" and





lines up with the dose pointer. Continue to hold the needle to the skin for **6 seconds**.

- 10. Carefully remove the needle from the pen by turning it counterclockwise. Place the needle in a sharps disposal container.
- 11. Put the pen cap on the pen after each use to protect the Nutropin ® from direct sunlight.

Nutropin Clinical Support Nurse Hotline:

- 1-866-NUTROPIN (1-866-688-7674)
- Provides information to patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers
- Injection training, device troubleshooting, drug stability, and product replacement
- Ability to order travel cooler, needle disposal container, and educational materials

## **Additional Resources:**

Hormone Health Network 1-800-HORMONE (1-800-467-6663) hormone.org

Human Growth Foundation 1-800-451-6434 hgfound.org

The Magic Foundation 1-800-362-4423 magicfoundation.org