

IV Pole

These instructions are guidelines only. Use only as instructed by your healthcare provider.

What is an IV Pole used for?

IV poles, or intravenous poles, are medical devices designed as a slender iron or aluminum portable pole with adjustable height, a 4-5 wheeled base for stability, and 2 to 4 hooks on the pole top that provides a secure place to hang bags of medicine or fluid for administration to a patient.



How Do I Use an IV Pole?

- The IV pole must be situated in a suitable position near the patient requiring treatment.
 - The IV pole must be close enough to allow treatment via the bag that is hung off the hook/s on the top of the pole.
 - Take care to place the IV pole in a place where it will not create a tripping hazard for patient or carer.
- Adjust height of the pole as required and ensure all height adjustment mechanisms are locked in place before hanging a bag.
- Hang bag/s securely from the 2-4 hooks located at the top of the pole.
- Ensure the tubing is not crimped or kinked between the bag on the pole to the patient.

⚠ WARNING: Take care not to overload the top of the pole as the weight may be unbalanced and cause the pole to tip over.

⚠ WARNING: Exercise caution when walking with an IV pole, the wheeled base can create a trip hazard.

How Do I Care for the IV Pole?

- The IV pole can be cleaned with detergent and water then dried with disposable paper towels. Do not use abrasive powders or scouring pads.
- Do not use solvents, such as acetone, lacquer thinner or turpentine to clean the IV pole.

Please ensure that equipment returned to the Red Cross is clean and in good condition.

