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Dear Mr. Strell:

This is the information you have requested regarding the intentional warming of our parenteral and irrigation solutions in plastic containers.

Baxter Healthcare Corporation recommends that these solutions be stored according to the conditions specified on the individual product labeling. The expiration dating is based on stability data generated from product samples stored at the equivalent of a constant 25°C. While stored under labeled conditions, our product remains pharmaceutically acceptable. Prolonged storage at higher temperatures may accelerate changes in final product.

Baxter Healthcare Corporation does not recommend the use of microwave radiation to warm or thaw solutions. Baxter Healthcare Corporation recommends the use of controlled temperature warming cabinets for the purpose of warming large volume parenteral products in our Viaflex®, Arthromatic® or Uromatic® plastic containers, or in plastic pour bottles.

Warming Recommendations for Large Volume Parenterals:

Solutions of volumes 150mL or greater can be warmed in their plastic overpouches to temperatures not exceeding 40°C (104°F), and for a period no longer than 14 days. Once the Viaflex® plastic containers have been in the warming cabinet for their maximum time period, the containers should be removed from the warming cabinet and identified as having been warmed. They should not be subsequently returned to the warmer. The Viaflex® plastic containers may continue to be used until the labeled expiration date, provided they have not been warmed more than once.

Warming Recommendations for Arthromatic® and Uromatic® Irrigation Solutions:

Solutions can be warmed in their overpouches to temperatures not exceeding:

1. 45°C (113°F) and for a period no longer than 14 days, or
2. 66°C (150°F) and for a period no longer than 72 hours.

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Once the Viaflex® plastic containers have been in the warming cabinet for their maximum time period, the containers should be removed from the warming cabinet and identified as having been warmed. They should not be subsequently returned to the warmer. The Arthromatic®/Uromatic® plastic containers may continue to be used until the labeled expiration date, provided they have not been warmed more than once.

Warming of Irrigation Solutions In Plastic Pour Bottles:

Solutions can be warmed to temperatures not exceeding 66°C (150°F) and for a period no longer than 72 hours. Once the plastic pour bottle containers have been in the warming cabinet or water bath for their maximum time period, the containers should be removed from the warming device and identified as having been warmed. They should not be subsequently returned to the warmer. If unopened, the plastic pour bottle containers may continue to be used until the labeled expiration date, provided they have not been warmed more than once.

I hope this information is helpful. If you need further assistance, please contact Baxter's Product Information Center at 1-800-933-0303.

Sincerely,



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