1. If patient is admitted to hospital on Flolan®, physician must write order to switch from patient’s home pump to our inpatient infusion pump. Pharmacy will contact physician if necessary.
   a. Verify concentration (ng/mL) and 24-hour infusion rate (mL) for patient’s pump with physician.
   b. Divide 24-hour rate by 24 to calculate hourly infusion rate (mL/hr).
   c. Have physician rewrite orders for Flolan® as a 50 mL bag, to reflect concentration and hourly infusion rate, using hospital infusion pump.

2. Input an IV drip of Epoprostenol using the same concentration and hourly rate the patient is currently receiving, as a 50 mL bag with a q8h frequency.
   a. Drug is stable for 8 hours at room temperature, so bag should be changed out every 8 hours.
   b. A 50 mL bag may be more than the patient is using, but it is safer to have too much versus too little.
   c. UHS nurses are not familiar with patients’ pump, plus they require ice packs for 24-hour stability, so pump should be switched out as soon as possible, in case patient becomes incapable of adjusting or loading their own pump.

3. A back-up bag must be available on the patient care unit at all times. Therefore, two 50 mL bags must be sent up at the time of the first dose. A new bag should be sent every 8 hours, to assure that a back-up is always available. IV lab should call and verify with nurse that each bag is needed.

4. If 8-hour rate exceeds 50 mL per 8 hours, concentration should be increased to maintain rate less than 50 mL per 8 hours.