TABLE 18

Monitoring Fluid Delivery

Method of Delivery	Monitoring
Fluid pump Buretrol	 Set TVI to 0 at start. Document every 2–4 hours. Set VTBI for time frame between checks.
Syringe pump	 Set TVI to 0 at start. Document every 2–4 hours. Set VTBI for time frame between checks.
Gravity drip set Pressure bag	 Mark top of fluids on bag at start and document every 1–2 hours. Monitor more frequently due to a higher risk of changes in volume delivered (e.g., every five minutes for volumes delivered over 15-20 minutes).
Syringe	Use only for bolus administration. Do not leave attached to patient.

TVI, total volume infused; VTBI, volume to be infused

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