



Traveling with Infusion Therapy

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA) TRAVELING TIPS FOR PEOPLE WITH MEDICAL DEVICES & MEDICATIONS

All airport travelers are required to go through a screening process at the airport checkpoint. If you are traveling while on infusion therapy, there may be extra steps for you to pass through security. You can help make sure the screening process is smooth and efficient by planning ahead, communicating with TSA officials and allowing extra time to go through security. Amber Specialty Pharmacy has compiled an outline of travel tips and TSA guidelines to help you prepare for a successful travel experience without interrupting your infusion therapy.

Communicate

Communication is an important part of traveling with your infusion therapy. Be prepared to explain your situation to airport security. The TSA may ask you questions about your medical equipment and your medication. Tell airport officials that you are on life-sustaining infusion therapy and your medicine and supplies are medically necessary. You may have to explain the circumstances multiple times, so plan to be patient.

- Tell the TSA officer you are traveling with medically necessary liquids. These liquids are often more than 3 ounces, which means you may be screened more thoroughly.
- Inform the TSA officer if you have an infusion pump, monitor or other medical device attached to your body and where it is located before the screening process begins.

Arrive Early

Be sure to arrive early so you have plenty of time to go through security. The TSA recommends arriving at least two hours before a domestic flight and three hours before an international flight.

Consider TSA Pre-Check (TSA Pre✓)

The TSA encourages people traveling with medical conditions to apply for **TSA Pre✓**. Infusion therapy is considered a medical condition because it requires medical equipment and may include liquid medication that is more than 3 ounces. TSA still screens pre-check passengers, but the process is slightly different and may be easier for people with a medical condition. Passengers who qualify for pre-check do not have to remove their shoes, laptops or liquids during security screening. To learn more about the **TSA Pre✓** application process, visit [TSA.gov](https://www.tsa.gov).

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Ask for Passenger Support

Passengers traveling with a medical condition can request a passenger support specialist to help them through security screening. If you would like assistance or you require special accommodations, call the TSA Cares helpline 72 hours before you travel. TSA Cares can answer all your questions about traveling with infusion therapy. If a passenger support specialist is not available, you may ask for a supervisory TSA officer at the checkpoint.

Call TSA Cares at 855-787-2227 or email TSA-ContactCenter@tsa.dhs.gov.

Carry a TSA Disability Notification Card

A TSA Disability Notification Card will provide official documentation for your medical condition as you go through security. You can download this card from the TSA website.

Contact Your Airline

Before you arrive at the airport, you may want to contact your airline. Find out if your airline allows extra carry-on baggage for medical supplies. If you have questions about baggage or you will require additional assistance on the airplane, be sure to contact your airline in advance.

International Travel

The TSA operates within all U.S. airports but it does not have jurisdiction abroad. If you are traveling internationally, be sure to review local travel guidelines. In general, you may want to carry a list of your prescriptions, an inventory of your medical supplies and an official letter from your doctor. The letter from your doctor should explain that you are well enough to travel and that your infusion therapy is medically necessary.

Security Screening with Your Infusion Pump

- It is not necessary to remove a portable infusion pump attached to your body when going through security. If your infusion pump is attached to your body, the TSA will probably still inspect you and your device. This inspection will often include a pat-down and a test for explosive residue.
- If your infusion device is not connected to your body, it may be screened by an X-ray or other advanced imaging technology. If you do not want your device X-ray screened, be sure to tell the TSA officer. The officer will examine your device with alternate screening procedures.
- A TSA officer of the same gender will perform pat-down screenings. Screening that involves a sensitive area may be conducted in private with a companion of your choice. You may request screening in private at any time.



TRAVELING WITH MEDICATION

Yes, you can travel with medication. However, there may be some additional regulations. Here are some general guidelines:

- You do not need to tell the TSA about medication unless it is in liquid form. Pills and other solid medications can go through the regular screening process.
- Liquid medications can be over the 3.4 ounce limit but will require additional screening.
- Medication in your carry-on luggage is usually screened by an X-ray machine. If you do not want to X-ray your medication, you can ask for a visual inspection. Be sure to speak with a TSA officer about a visual inspection before your medication enters the X-ray tunnel.
- Medications can be stored in your carry-on luggage or your checked bag. The TSA recommends traveling with your medication in your carry-on luggage in case you need access during the flight or your checked baggage is lost.
- The TSA does not require medication to be in prescription bottles, but each state may have individual laws about prescription labels on medication. Passengers should check local regulations.

GENERAL TRAVEL GUIDELINES

- Tell your doctor and Amber Specialty Pharmacy home health care team in advance about all your travel plans. Together, you can plan to stay on your medication schedule during your travels.
- In a carry-on bag, liquids, gels and aerosols that are not medically necessary must follow the 3-1-1 rule: 3.4 ounces or less per container – 1 quart-size, clear plastic bag – 1 clear plastic bag per passenger.
- Carry an emergency contact card with important information, such as how to contact your doctor and Amber Specialty Pharmacy in the event of a medical emergency.



TSA RESOURCES

The TSA provides resources for travelers with medical conditions to help ensure safety and comfort of all airline passengers. For specific questions about traveling while on your infusion therapy, here are four TSA resources.

TSA Cares

TSA Cares is available to help passengers with disabilities or medical conditions through the security screening process. To request a passenger support specialist, contact TSA Cares 72 hours before you fly. Passengers can call 855-787-2227 for questions about security and traveling with medications. The helpline hours of operation are weekdays 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. ET and 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

TSA Contact Center

Travelers can reach TSA customer support at the TSA Contact Center by email (TSA-ContactCenter@tsa.dhs.gov) or phone (1-866-289-9673).

TSA Website (tsa.gov)

Visit the TSA website (tsa.gov) for the latest information about traveling with your medication and infusion therapy supplies. Look for the section about traveling with disabilities, medical conditions and medical devices.

Social Media

Passengers can follow the official TSA social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter (@AskTSA) for travel information. You can contact them with specific questions and tell them about your experience.

Remember, travel guidelines are subject to change. To ensure a smooth travel experience with infusion therapy, Amber Specialty Pharmacy recommends you review current TSA standards and contact the TSA with any specific travel questions. Tell your Amber Specialty Pharmacy home health care team in advance about your travel plans so they can make sure you have the medication you need.

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