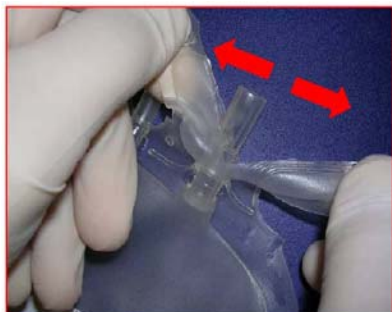


# Procedure for Spiking New Buffy Coat Blood Bags

## Step 1: To Access Ports on **MacoPharma** Bags

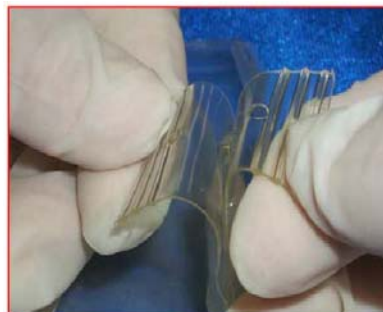


1.1 Using both hands, tear the port protector as indicated.



1.2 Peel the port protector sides downward towards the bag.

## **Baxter** Bags



1.1 Separate port protector at bevelled edge.



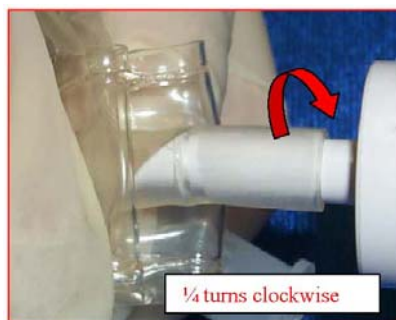
1.2 Fold topside of port protector downward towards the bag.

One flap of port protector does not peel down fully.

## Step 2: To Insert Spike into **either Baxter or MacoPharma** Blood Bags



2.1 Grasp port with non-dominant hand, at site of folded port protector, near septum. This stabilizes port during spiking



2.2 Insert spike firmly using 1/4 turn clockwise twists just until the septum has been pierced.

**DO NOT OVERSPIKE**

## Step 3: To Remove Spike From **either Baxter or MacoPharma** Blood Bags



3.1 Remove spike using 1/4 turn twists counterclockwise.

Do not twist spike back and forth in port. Use 1/4 twists in one direction only.



3.2 Once the spike is loosened from the port, pull straight out.

Do not pull spike straight out until spike is loosened.

### Trouble Shooting Tips for Spiking

1. Do not over spike (push spike in too far). It is only necessary to insert the spike until the septum is pierced. Over-spiking will result in the inability to remove the set.
2. Always insert/remove spike using 1/4 turn motions. Pulling the spike in a straight downward motion or twisting it back and forth will result in the tightening of the port on the spike.

The 1/4 turn technique is applicable to all IV blood administration sets.

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