In a dual chamber bag, your PN solution is divided into two chambers. The milky, white fat part of the PN is in the upper chamber of the bag, and the clear protein and carbohydrate part of the PN is in the bottom chamber. A metal rod slipped over a rubber strip separates the two chambers.

As you unpack your solutions, look at them closely to make sure that the rod and strip are securely in place. Also, make sure that the fat looks like milk without any streaks and the solution in the lower chamber looks completely clear. If the solution in the bottom chamber looks murky or milky in any way, that means the divider may have been disturbed during shipping. In this case, do not use the bag and call Coram. Save the bag for Coram to see and replace.

**Storing**

Refrigerate your shipment of PN as soon as you receive it. Do not stack more than 3 bags on top of each other in your refrigerator. Do not handle the bag dividers in any way until you are ready to use a bag.
Preparing a dual chamber bag for infusion

1. Remove a bag from the refrigerator approximately 2 hours before you will be starting your infusion.

2. Just before infusing, the bag must be “activated” to allow the chambers to mix. To activate the bag, firmly grasp the end of the rubber strip that acts as a divider and pull or “peel” it away from the rigid plastic rod. The two chambers have now combined to become one bag. You can discard the strip and the plastic rod.

3. Gently rock the bag back and forth to mix the lipids (fats) with the solution.

4. You are now ready to add your medications to the bag and to begin your infusion.