Pegfilgrastim (Neulasta®)  
Storage/Administration/Disposal

Storage:
- Keep the medicine in the refrigerator (36°F – 46°F) – DO NOT freeze.
- DO NOT use the medicine if it’s has been out of the refrigerator for more than 48 hours.
- Store in the refrigerator in original packaging until ready for administration.

Disposal of the medication:
- Put the all supplies with any needles into a sharps container or sealable container. In Minnesota, it is currently legal to put used sharps that are in a laundry detergent bottle with a lid (sealed with tape) into the garbage.
- Close lid and tape it shut, once the container is full.
- Write “do not recycle, household sharps” on container.
- Visit [http://safeneedledisposal.org](http://safeneedledisposal.org) to locate Minnesota household sharps collection sites.

Preparing the medication:
- Take the medicine out of the refrigerator 30 minutes before you’re going to give it.
- Look over the medication in the syringe to make sure it’s clear and colorless—DO NOT use if it’s cloudy, discolored, or has formed crystals.
Giving the medication:

1. Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
2. Choose an area on your child to give the shot. Scrub the skin in this area with an alcohol pad. Make sure to let it air dry (don’t blow or wave on the area to dry it).
3. Remove the prefilled syringe from the package.
4. Pull the cover off the needle. Don’t let anything touch the needle.
5. Pull plunger of the empty syringe back to the child’s needed dose and add 0.1 mL to prime the needle. For example, the child’s dose below is 0.3mL, plunger is pulled to 0.4mL.
6. Put the needle from the prefilled Neulasta syringe into the top of the empty syringe. Push the medicine into the empty syringe. Make sure to fill it completely.
7. Attach a new needle to the filled syringe and prime with the medicine. To prime: push the medicine through the needle until the plunger is at your child’s dose. This makes sure the medicine is completely in the needle and there is not air bubble.
8. Hold the syringe in one hand and pinch the fat and skin at the chosen site with the other hand.
9. Put the needle into the skin at a 90° angle (straight in) and push the plunger of the syringe down to the shot.