

Orally

Check dose rate – set doser if necessary

Pick up piglet carefully

Hold piglet comfortably

Dose far enough down the throat without damaging the tissue

Wait for piglet to swallow the dose

Release carefully

Pour-on (topically)

Wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment

Check pour on amount needed and follow guidelines and instructions.

Restrain pig or approach quietly

Pour on carefully

Release any restrained pigs carefully.

Injection

Deposit product at the correct site - every time

Inaccurate injecting can affect the efficiency of the product and cause irreparable carcass damage.

Always use the method indicated on the product label.

Never mix different products in the same syringe.

If you must inject more than one product in one day, inject at different sites (e.g. opposite sides of the neck). Check with manufacturer.

Do not inject into wet or dirty skin.

In proper use a needle should not break off in the animal. If it does:

1. If the needle is visible, restrain the animal and remove the needle
2. If the needle is not visible or not removable:
 - a) Mark the animal with a distinct and permanent form of identification
 - b) Record the date, identification & the means of the pig's disposal in the medicine book.
 - c) On-farm and in transport the pig should be penned on it's own.
 - d) Firstly inform the slaughterhouse. Accompany the animal with an owner declaration casualty slaughter certificate and inform the slaughterhouse of the site of injection
3. Any withdrawal period for the substance being injected must be observed

Intramuscular injection into the muscle:

Quickest and easiest method

Check correct needle length required

Locate injection site:
*in the deep muscle of the neck
*behind the ear

At the highest point behind the ear where the loose folded skin meets the taught skin

Correct technique is vitally important

Inject at right angles to the skin

Too far back or wrong angle can result in the product entering the fatty tissue of the neck, which can effect uptake.

Too low can result in the product entering the salivary glands, causing pain, eating difficulty and prevent the product from working

Subcutaneous injection - under the skin:

Shorter needle required

Locate injection site - under the skin of the neck behind the ear

Insert needle so that it runs under the skin

Correct technique is vitally important

