1. Turn on the monitor and connect the HemoSphere pressure cable to the HemoSphere monitoring platform.

2. Select **minimally-invasive** technology then select **Start Monitoring**.

3. Open the FloTrac sensor packaging and inspect contents. Mount the FloTrac sensor on an IV pole using the appropriate holder.

4. To remove air from the IV flush bag, first invert the IV bag. Spike the bag and keep drip chamber upright. Ensure all air has been removed. Insert IV bag into the pressure bag and hang on the IV pole (do not inflate).

5. To prime the FloTrac sensor: With gravity only (with no pressure in pressure bag), flush the FloTrac sensor by pulling the Snap-Tab device, while holding pressure tubing in an upright position until the column of fluid reaches the end of the tubing.

6. Replace all caps with non-vented caps and ensure that all connections are tight.
7. Pressurize the IV bag until it reaches 300 mmHG, then fast-flush the sensor per hospital policy and tap on tubing and stopcocks to remove any residual bubbles.

8. Plug green connector from the FloTrac sensor to the HemoSphere pressure cable.

9. Plug red connector from the FloTrac sensor to the bedside cable.

10. Connect tubing to the arterial catheter.

11. Level the FloTrac sensor to the phlebostatic axis. **Note: It is important to keep the FloTrac sensor level to the phlebostatic axis at all times to ensure accuracy of cardiac output.**

12. To zero, turn stopcock off to the patient and open to air:
   1. Hold down the zero button on the pressure cable to pull up the zero screen.
   2. Hold down the zero button until a tone is heard to complete zeroing.

   Or

   Zeroing can also be completed by selecting the **Quick Zero** button to pull up the zero screen, then select **Zero**.