



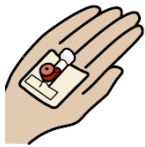
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Having a drip (Easy Read)



You need to have some medicine. You will not swallow this medicine. It will go into your blood stream through a 'drip'.



The nurse will put a cannula into a vein in your hand. This is a thin, plastic tube.



They will put some cream on your skin first. This will make it numb so you can't feel them putting in the cannula so much.



They will wipe off the cream and look for the best vein for the cannula.



The nurse will quickly put in the cannula, then tape it in place.



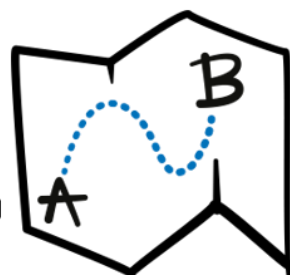
They will join a long plastic tube to the cannula then join this to a bag of medicine.



A pump machine will stop you getting the medicine too fast. The pump machine is on wheels so you can still go to the play room if you want.



Sometimes the medicine can leak out of your vein. This will hurt or sting. This can be a problem with some medicines, so tell the nurse straightaway.





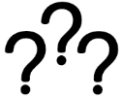
When you have had all the medicine in the bag, the nurse might join up another bag of medicine, in the same way as before.



If you do not need any more medicine, the nurse will take out the cannula and press down on your skin for a few seconds.



They might put a dressing where the cannula was put in. Keep this on for about 30 minutes.



Please ask us if you have any questions.

