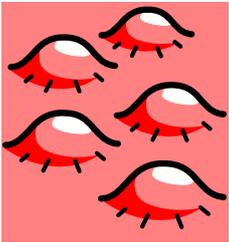


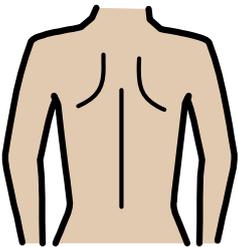
Injections for scars



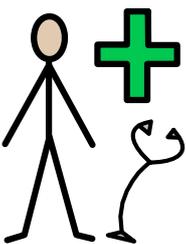
A scar is the way the body makes itself better after the skin has been damaged. You can get a scar in an accident, an operation or because of some illnesses.



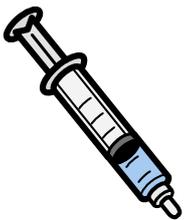
Some scars get bigger and lumpy rather than fading slowly.



Lumpy scars can happen anywhere on the body. They are most common on the back, chest, shoulders and ear lobes. They are not dangerous.



You might see a doctor if your lumpy scar is bothering you. There are lots of ways they can make the scar look better.



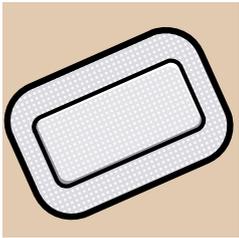
Putting some medicine straight into the scar can help it look better. The medicine is called a steroid medicine. It makes the scar get flatter and less lumpy.



When you come for the injection, we will put some cream on your scar to make it numb. This takes about an hour.



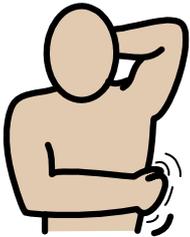
The doctor or nurse will inject the medicine into your scar. This should not hurt. They will use several small injections in different bits of the scar.



Afterwards, they will dry it with some gauze and put a dressing over the area. You can take this off after an hour. If you have no other appointments, you can go home.



The scar might look worse in the beginning. It might look bruised, bigger or a different colour. This is a sign that the medicine is working. It should then get better over the next few weeks.



If the scar itches or oozes, call your nurse. You may need some more medicine or cream to take away infection (said: inn-feck-shun).



After about six weeks, you will come back to hospital for the next injection. The same things will happen again.



Please ask us if you have any questions.