

Give Your Body a Boost

Getting an Intravenous Cannula

An IV (intravenous or "into the vein") cannula is a little tube that allows your body to get the medicine it needs. The nurses and doctors might use your IV cannula to give you **fluids** (special water) and **medicine**.



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Your medical staff will place a cuff from a rubber glove around your arm to help the medical staff see your veins. This may feel tight on your arm but it will not stay on very long.



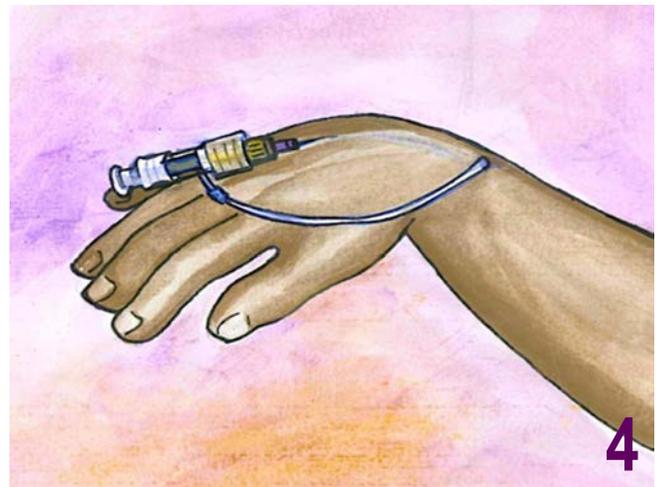
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Your medical staff will swab rubbing alcohol on your hand. They may also call rubbing alcohol "spirits." This may feel cold and wet. Now your hand is very clean!



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A small tube is then placed into a vein using a small needle. Once the tube is in the right place, the needle comes out and is thrown away. The tube will stay in the vein until it is time to go home. Some children say this feels like a little prick or pinch.



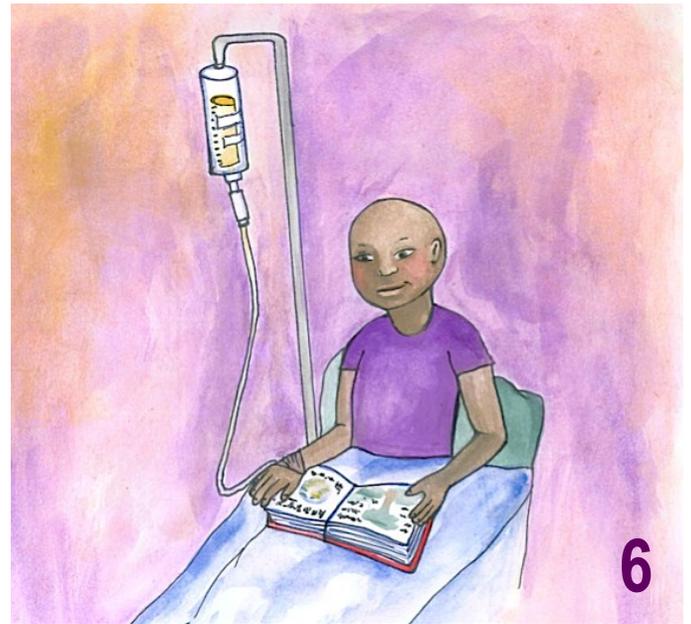
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This is an IV tube. It is a tiny tube that is connected to your IV cannula. This may be connected to a longer tube later.



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Tape and bandages are placed over the IV cannula to keep it in place on your hand and to protect it.



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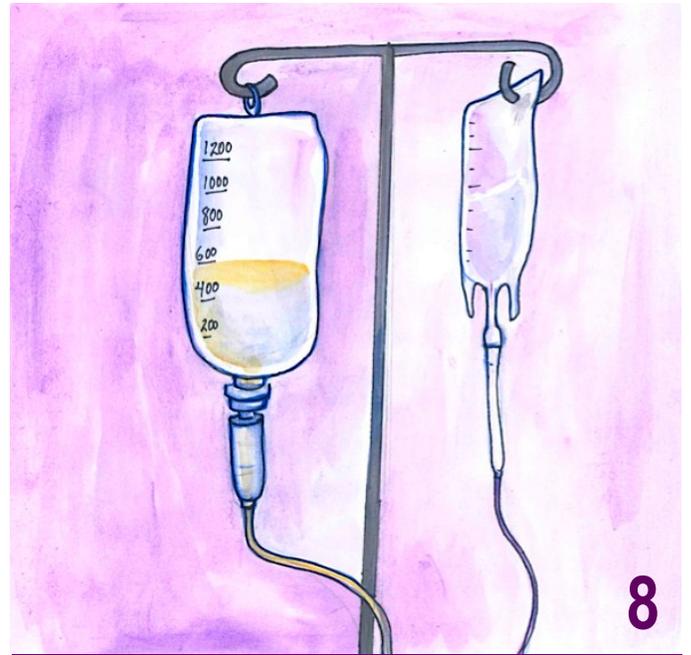
This is a cannula pole. It has a hook that holds the medicine and fluids high in the air, so that the medicine can go into your body.

Your Job is to hold still. You can read a book, close your eyes or hold someone's hand. You can take deep breaths to help your body relax. Some kids like to see while others look away. You can ask any questions. What will help you hold still?



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This is a bottle of medicine that hangs from the top of your cannula pole.



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Sometimes you might need more than one bottle or bag of medicine to help you feel better.

Be Proud! You are Done