

Patient Resource Sheet

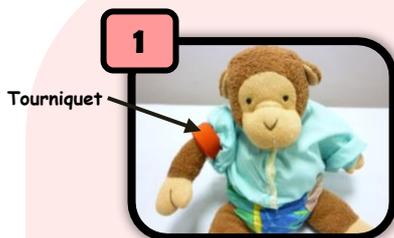
IV Plug



What is it?

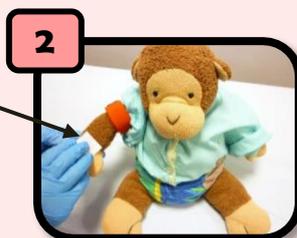
An IV plug is a short, small plastic straw that is put into the vein using a needle. The needle is then removed, leaving the straw behind so that medicine can be given straight into your body. This helps your body to feel better, quickly.

What happens during the procedure?



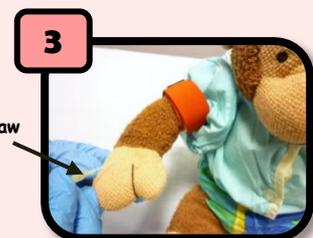
Tourniquet

A tourniquet is wrapped around my arm! It lets the doctor see my veins better.



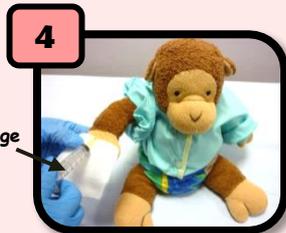
Alcohol swab

An alcohol swab is used to clean the germs on my skin. It feels c-o-o-l!



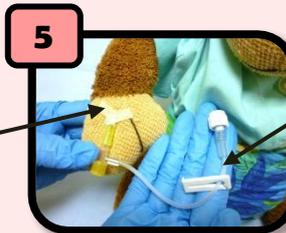
Tiny straw

A tiny straw wrapped around a needle is inserted into my vein. It feels like an ant bite.



Syringe

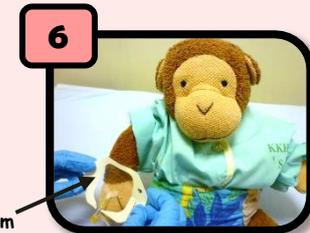
The needle is taken out and the straw is left. A syringe is used to flush (wash) the IV plug.



Thin tape

A thin tape is used to keep my IV plug safe. Then, a small connecting tube is attached.

Connecting tube



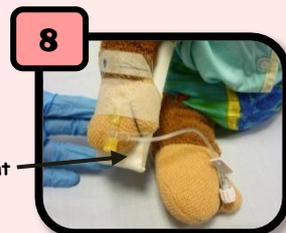
Tegaderm

A big plaster called Tegaderm is placed on top of my IV plug to protect it from germs.



Sticker

A sticker is placed on my IV plug and the nurse will write the date on it.



Splint

A piece of foam, called a 'splint', is taped to my hand, so that I do not move it too much.



DONE!

What should I do to feel better?

Below are the list of things you can do to feel better:

1. Hold mummy's hand
2. Take deep breaths
3. Watch a fun video/ play a game

If you want to learn more, ask your doctor/nurse to give the Child Life Therapist a call when you are staying in the hospital!