

## 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?

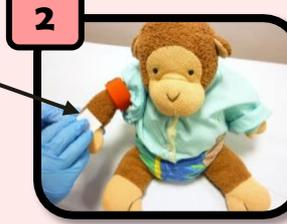
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Tourniquet

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

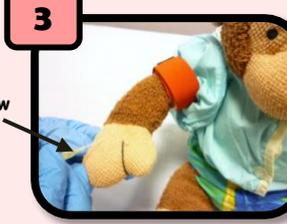
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Alcohol swab

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

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Tiny straw

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

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Syringe

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

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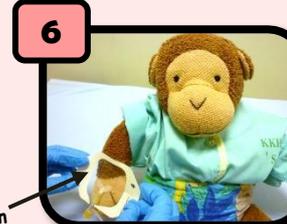


Thin tape

Connecting tube

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

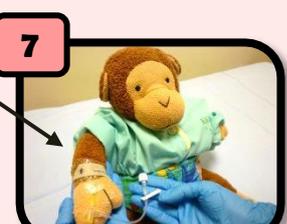
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Tegaderm

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

**7**



Sticker

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

**8**



Splint

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

**9**



**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!