



Removing your child's cannula

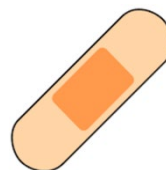
Your child is leaving hospital with a cannula (small plastic straw inserted into a vein in their hand) that was used to administer medication or fluids. This leaflet explains how to safely remove it. If you prefer not to do this or change your mind, please return to the ward or ask your GP to remove it.



The cannula is a small plastic straw, *there is no needle!*

You will need:

- Cotton wool.
- A plaster.
- Another adult to help hold the child, if necessary.



Instructions:

- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Remove the dressing, leaving the cannula in if possible.
- Place the cotton wool over the cannula insertion site.
- Gentle withdraw cannula and immediately apply firm pressure over the insertion site.
- Continue to apply pressure until the bleeding has stopped (about 2-3 minutes).
- Apply a plaster.

Contact us

If you need further advice, please contact the ward/unit where your child was last cared for:

Paediatric A&E: 0118 322 6876

Kempton Day Bed Unit: 0118 322 7512

Dolphin Ward: 0118 322 8075

Lion Ward: 0118 322 8105

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