

# Things you might like to know about having your medicine at home

Having your medicine at home can be a little bit different to having it in the hospital. This leaflet will give you some information and top tips about having your medicine at home.

If you have any other questions – no matter how big or small – you can ask your mum and dad/caregiver or the doctors and nurses.



## Who will give me my medicine?

The nurses that come to your house won't be the same nurses that you met at the hospital!

You might miss them and they will miss you, but don't worry the nurses that visit you will be just as nice and friendly.

**Top tip**

Try to find out the name of the nurses who visit you.



## How will I have my medicine?

When you go home, the medicine you will be given usually only needs to be given once a day. This means more time to play and do the things you like to do.

Your medicine will be given using your 'line'. You will need to be a little bit careful about your line. You might find that mum or dad keep reminding you about this.

**Top tip**

Keep your line covered up and don't let it get wet.



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If you keep your arm still while the medicine is going in, the pump won't beep as much.

The nurse might use a pump to give you your medicine. It's quite small, and it might beep a bit. This might be because you've moved your line a bit and the medicine can't get through; the nurse will make this OK.

Your mum or dad or your brothers and sisters can be with you. If it makes you feel better, someone can hold your hand.

## What can I do when I'm having my medicine?

When the nurse comes to visit to give your medicine they will make sure you are comfortable and that you are not bored while they are giving the medicine.

You might decide to sit on the couch and watch TV, or sit at a table and do some colouring, or play a game.

**Top tip**

So you don't get bored while you are having your medicine, think about what you'd like to do. Your nurse will probably join in.



## What happens if I have a pet?

If your pet is a bit bouncy or sometimes naughty, it's probably better if they aren't too close when you have your medicine.

**Top tip**

Have lots of cuddles with your pet afterwards.



## What happens when I don't need the medicine anymore?

When it's time for you to stop your medicine, usually your nurse can take your line out at home; you probably won't need to go back to the hospital for this.

**Top tip**

Your nurse will have some special wipes to help take the sticky off.

## What if I've got some questions about having my medicine at home?

Remember, you can ask your nurse any questions you have at any time. And you can always tell them how you are feeling.

**Top tip**

Write down your questions so you don't forget what you want to find out.



Snap the QR code to watch our short film about having your medicine at home!

