

Social Stories
Getting an IV



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What is an IV?

I will need an IV which is also called a medicine straw.





Will I be with my caregiver while I get my IV?

My caregiver will be with me the whole time.





What does an IV look like?

An IV or medicine straw is a small plastic tube that goes on my hand or arm to help my body get medicine.





When will I get an IV?

The nurse will come into the room and tell me that it is time for the IV or medicine straw.





What do I do while getting an IV?

My job is to sit on the bed and keep my body still to keep me safe.





How do I keep safe?

It is important for me to keep my body still to help me stay safe.

Another helper might hold my arm or hand to remind me to keep my body still.





What happens first?

The nurse will put a stretchy rubber band around my arm.

The stretchy rubber band helps the nurse know where to put the medicine straw.





What happens next?

The nurse will clean my arm with a wet pad that feels cold on my skin. I might smell something different.





How long will the stretchy rubber band stay on my arm?

The stretchy rubber band will stay on my arm until the nurse is done placing the medicine straw.





What will it feel like?

The nurse will put the medicine straw on my arm, and it will feel like a pinch.





What are things I can do?

While the nurse places the medicine straw, I can:

- Take deep breaths
- Hum or sing
- Count aloud
- Look away or watch





What happens after I have the medicine straw?

The nurse will put a clear tape and connect a tube to the medicine straw. The nurse will put a few stickers and more tape to keep my medicine straw in place.





How does the medicine straw look?

The nurse is all done.

This is what it will look like.

The medicine straw will stay on my arm while I am at the hospital.





What does my medicine straw do?

The medicine straw helps my body.

If my body needs medicine, the nurse will connect the medicine straw tube to a machine that moves the medicine into my body.

I will do a great job keeping my body still and getting the medicine straw today to help my body be healthier.





When does the medicine straw come out?

I will not go home with my medicine straw.

When it is time to go home, the nurse will take off the tape and the medicine straw will slide out.

The nurse will put a band-aid where the medicine straw was.





I did a good job!

I was so brave and helped my body be healthier.

