

IV Insertion

My Hospital Story



Boston Children's Hospital

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I'm getting ready for my IV at
Boston Children's Hospital.

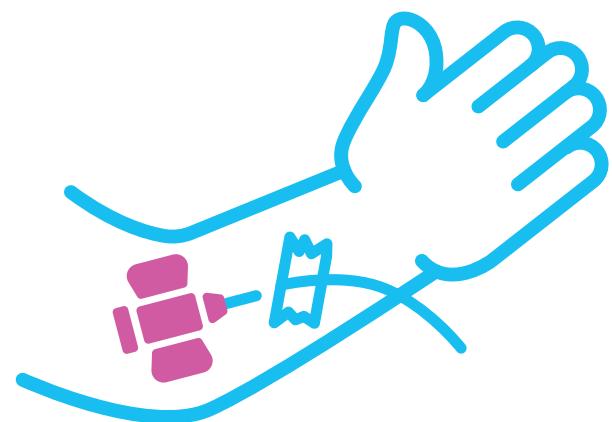
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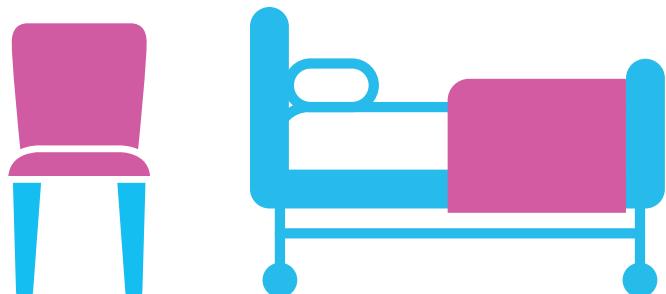
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An IV is a
small, bendy
straw that will
give my body
medicine.



When it's time for
my IV, I'll sit in a
chair or in bed.

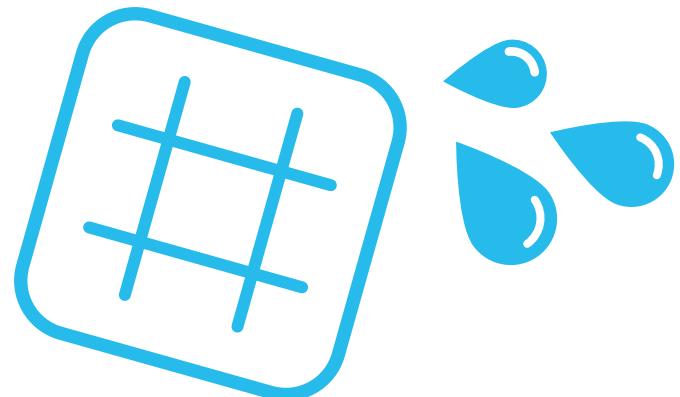


First, the nurse will put a stretchy band around my arm. It might feel tight.

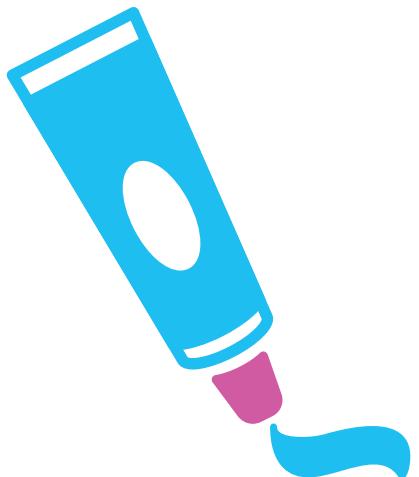




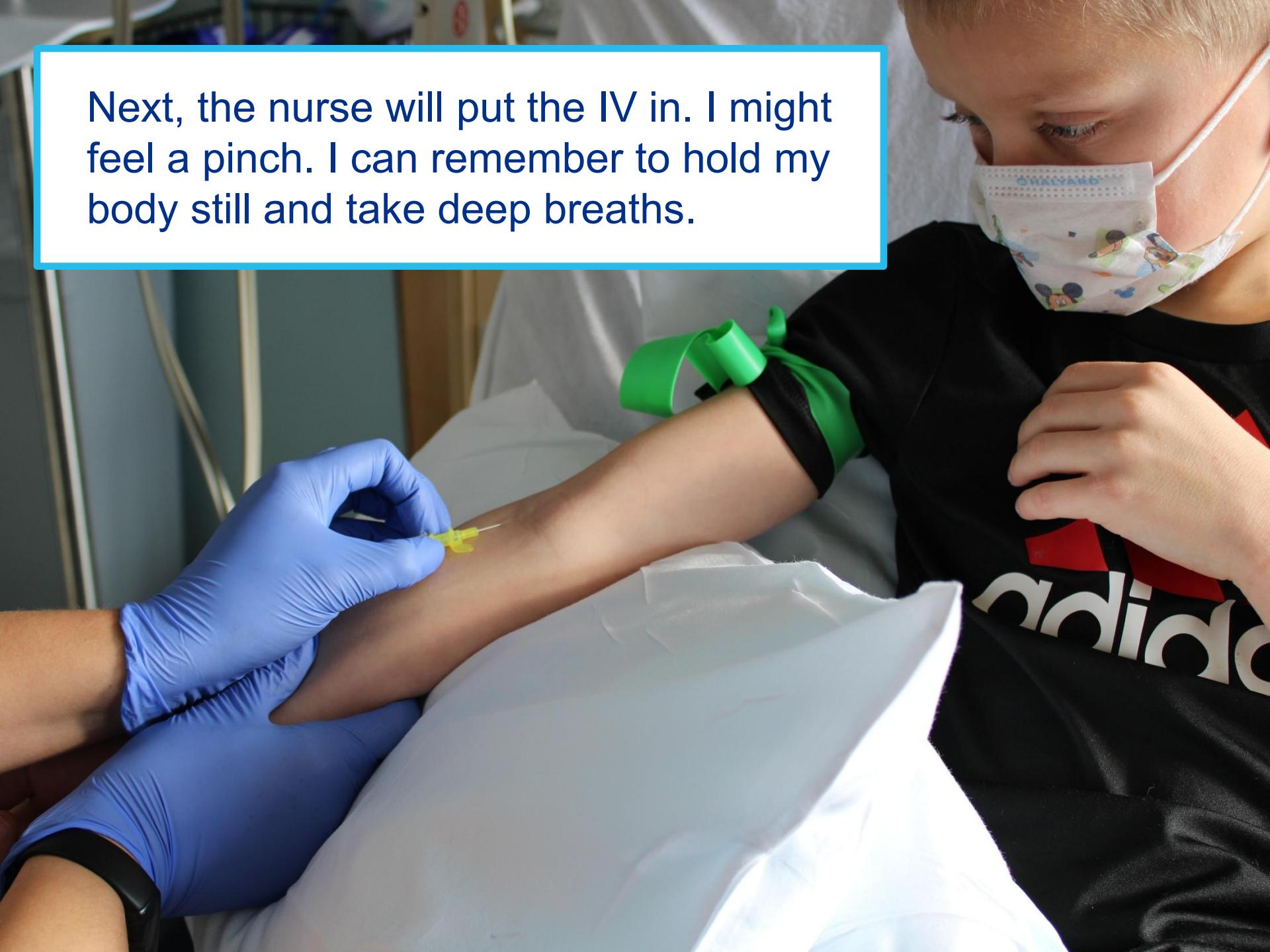
Then, the nurse will clean the skin where the IV will go. It will feel cold and wet.



I might use a special cream or medicine spray to help me feel better while I get my IV.



Next, the nurse will put the IV in. I might feel a pinch. I can remember to hold my body still and take deep breaths.



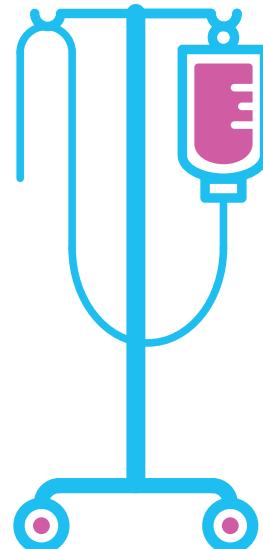
A close-up photograph of a child's right arm. The child is wearing a black t-shirt with the word "adidas" printed on it. A clear plastic IV line is attached to the child's upper arm, with a green ribbon tied around the upper part of the line. A person's hand, wearing a blue nitrile glove and a black fitness tracker on the wrist, is visible on the left side of the frame, holding the child's arm. The child is also wearing a white hospital gown.

The nurse will put clear tape over the IV. They might put a soft wrap over the IV to keep it safe.

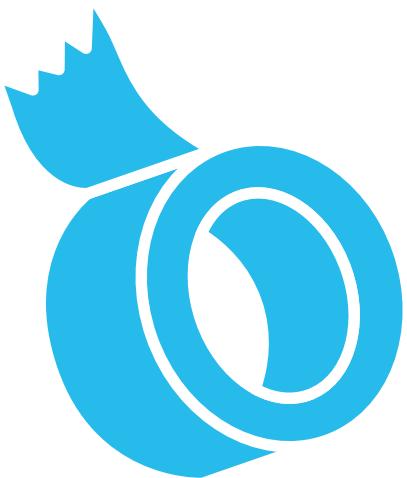


Next, they'll connect the IV to a long, clear tube.

This is how I'll get my medicine.



When it's time to leave the hospital, the nurse will take off the tape and the IV will slide out.





Everyone will
be so proud of
me for doing a
good job!



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