

Removing your child's cannula

Introduction

Your child is leaving hospital with a cannula (small plastic straw inserted into a vein in their hand) which was used to administer medication. 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 to your GP practice for cannula removal.



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

You will need:

- Some 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.

More information is available on the Trust website: www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk

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