

IV



I am getting an IV.

An IV is a tiny straw that goes into my vein to give my body water or medicine that I may need while I am in the hospital



First the nurse will place a rubber band called a tourniquet on my arm.

This may feel a little tight on my arm but that's ok because it helps my nurse see which vein will work best for my IV.



Next the nurse will clean my skin with a small sponge that looks like this.

This may feel wet on my skin. This helps get rid of any germs that may be on my skin.



The nurse will then place the IV into my vein. My big job is to stay still.

This may feel like a pinch on my skin.

That is ok. I can take big deep breaths to help me stay calm and relaxed.



After my IV is in the right place my nurse will use tape and band aids to keep it from moving.

There is no needle in my arm. Just a tiny straw.
I can still move my hands and arms to color and play.

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