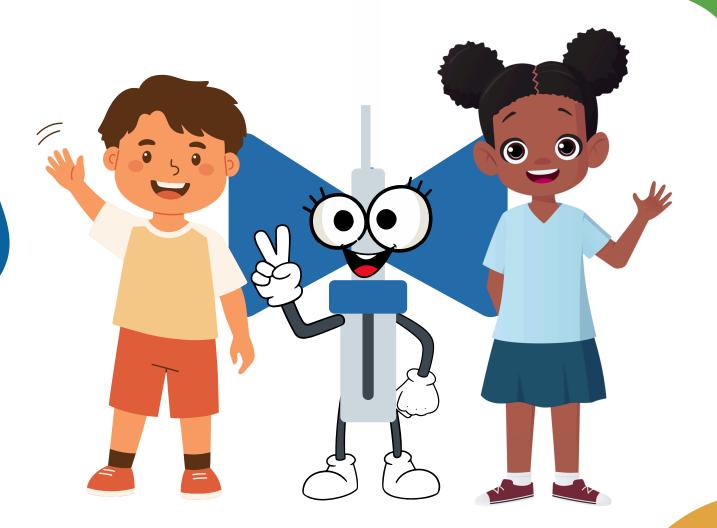


MAKING NEEDLE PROCEDURES EASIER



BLOOD TEST

What it is: A small amount of blood is taken using a needle.

Why it's done: To check how your body is working. It looks at your blood cells, vitamins, or if you're fighting an infection.

What happens: A nurse or phlebotomist puts a band on your arm, cleans your skin, and

uses a small needle to take blood into little tubes.



CANNULA (FREDDIE, DRIP OR IV LINE)

What it is: A tiny plastic straw (called a cannula or freddie) is put into a vein, using a small needle that comes out straight away.

Why it's done: So medicine or fluids can go quickly into your body.

What happens: Your skin is cleaned, a needle helps guide the plastic straw into place, then it's taped down so it doesn't move. The needle is then removed. The straw stays in for a little while so they can give you the medicine. It is easy and quick to take it out

when they are done.

INJECTION (VACCINE OR MEDICINE)

What it is: Medicine is put into your body with a quick needle.

Why it's done: To stop you from getting very sick, or treat your pain.

What happens: A nurse gives you a quick needle in your arm or leg that will feel like a little pinch. It's over in a few seconds!



FINGER PRICK TEST

What it is: A small drop of blood is taken from your finger.

Why it's done: To check your blood sugar.

What happens: Your finger is cleaned, and a little scratch is made with a small needle to get a drop of blood.

