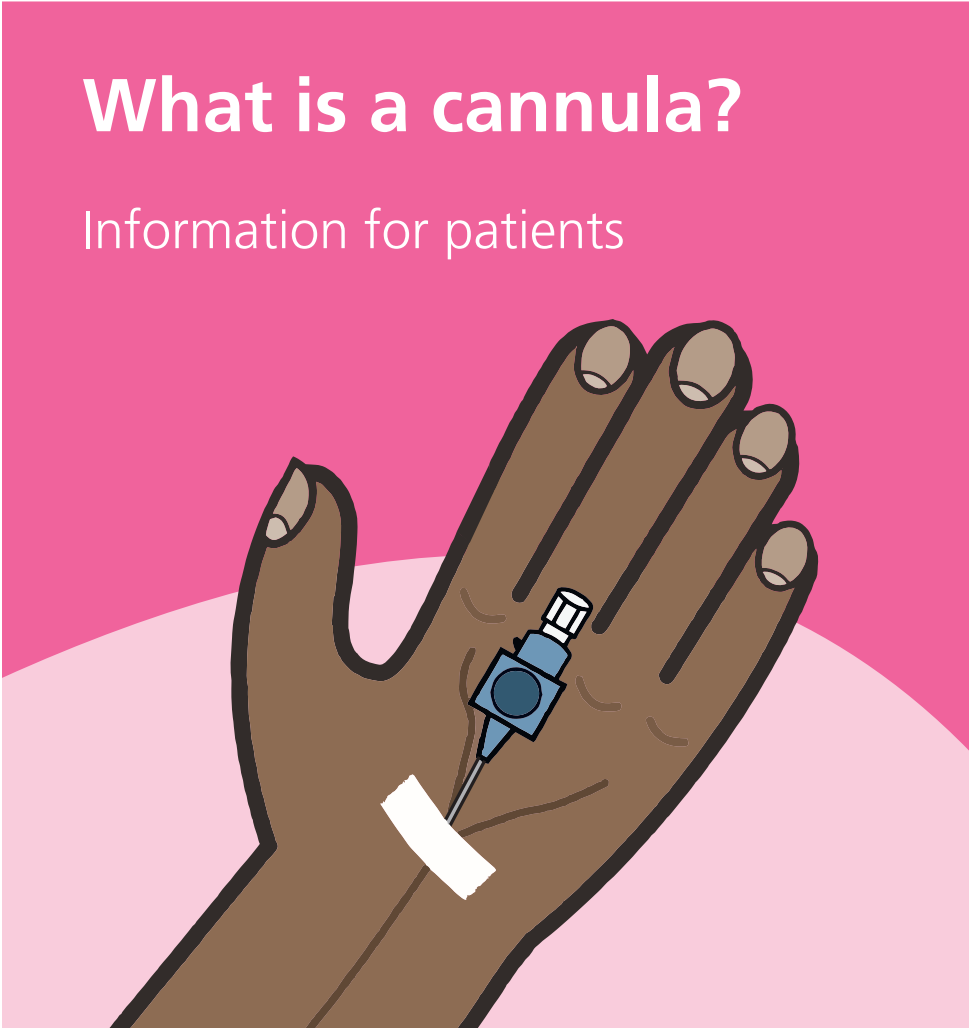


# What is a cannula?

Information for patients





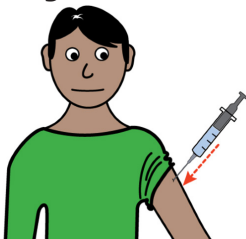
## easy read



## hospital



## injection



This booklet uses easy words and pictures.

You might want to ask someone to help you read it.

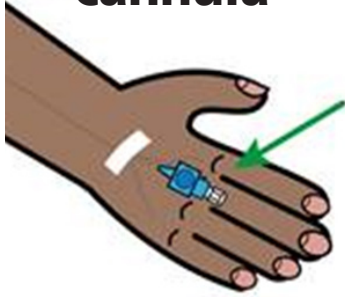
Medical staff might want you to have a cannula in hospital.

If you are poorly staff will try to help make you better.

They can give you medicine through a cannula.

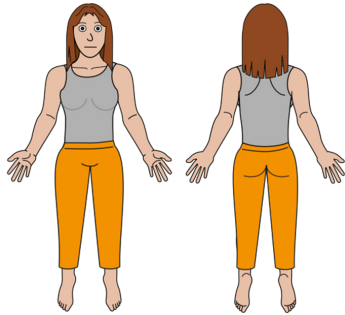
It feels the same as having an injection.

## cannula



A small tube stays in your hand.

This is so nurses can give you medicine.



It might be in another part of your body too. That is ok.

## bandages



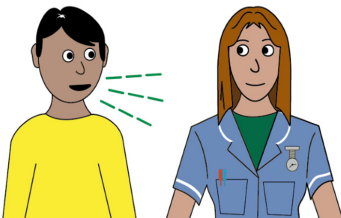
The nurse will put a plaster or bandage over the tube.



**nurse**



**talk to your  
nurse**



Don't pull at the tube, it needs to stay in so you can have medicine through it.

Your nurse take out the cannula if you need a new one or if you get better and don't need it.

You can talk to your nurse about the cannula.






**For more information please go to**

[www.necdnetwork.co.uk/  
work-programmes/health-inequalities/maternity/](http://www.necdnetwork.co.uk/work-programmes/health-inequalities/maternity/)

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