

Infusion Visit

My Hospital Story



Boston Children's Hospital

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I'm getting ready for my infusion at Boston Children's Hospital. An infusion gives my body medicine, so I grow big and strong.

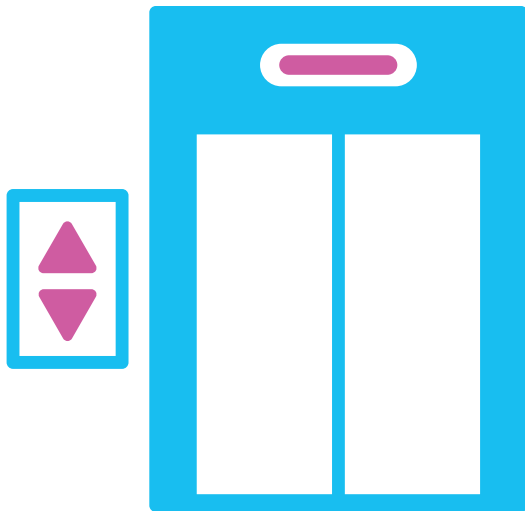




First, we'll walk
through the lobby
and follow signs
to the Farley
elevators.

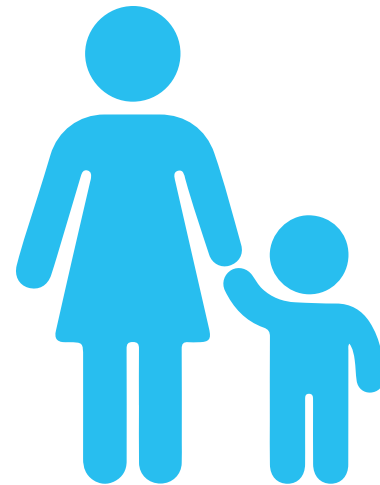


We'll take the elevator to the 8th floor.





Then, we'll arrive
at the Infusion and
Day Treatment
Program waiting
room.



Next, we'll talk with
someone at the
front desk.

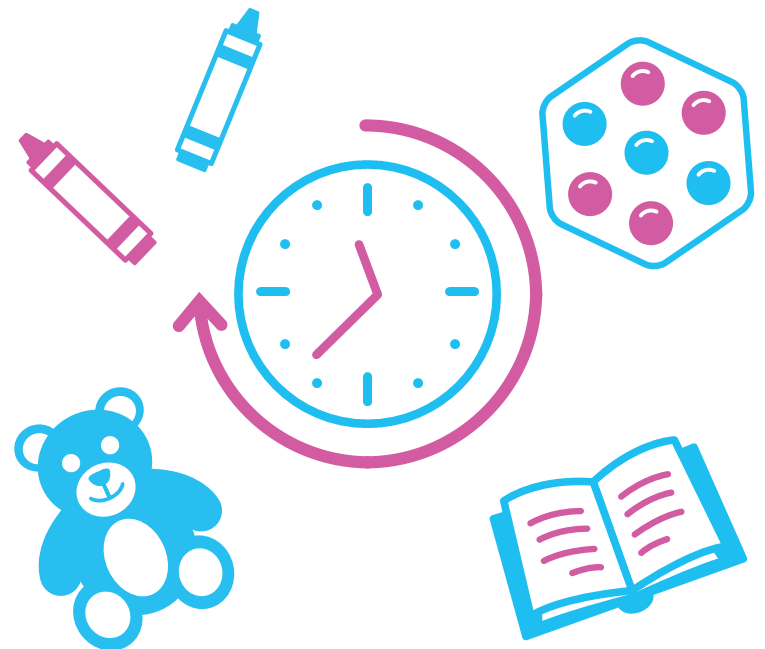
I'll get a bracelet
with my name on it.





We'll wait until my
name is called.

I can sit or play
quietly while I wait.



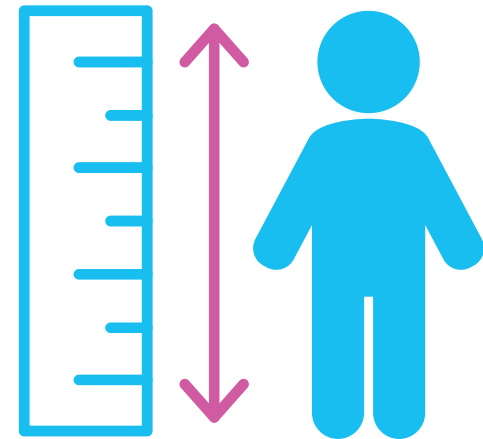
When it's my
turn, someone
will say my name.

We'll walk down
a hallway to a
new room.





Next, I'll stand very still with my back against the wall and look forward while they measure how tall I am.



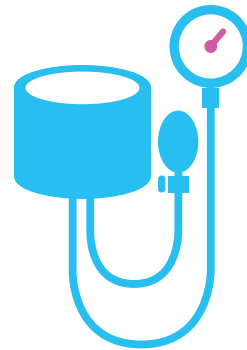
I'll stand on the scale to see how much I weigh.





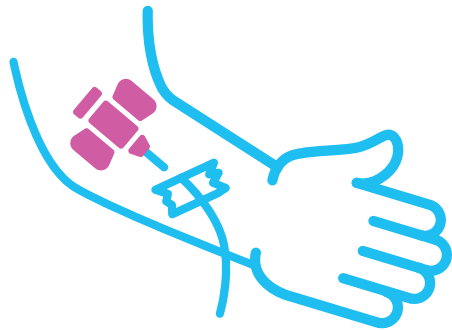
Next, we'll go to a new room, and I'll sit on a bed.

The clinical assistant will check my blood pressure. I'll feel a squeeze on my arm. I can remember to hold my body still and take deep breaths.



Then it will be
time for my IV.

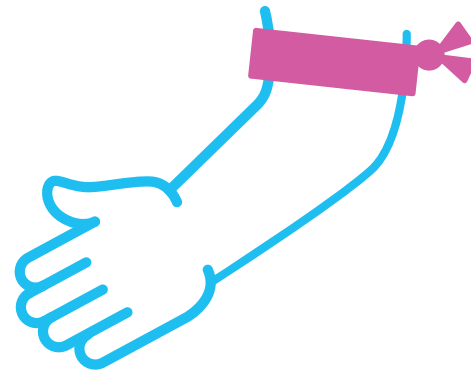
An IV is a small,
bendy straw that
will give me my
medicine.





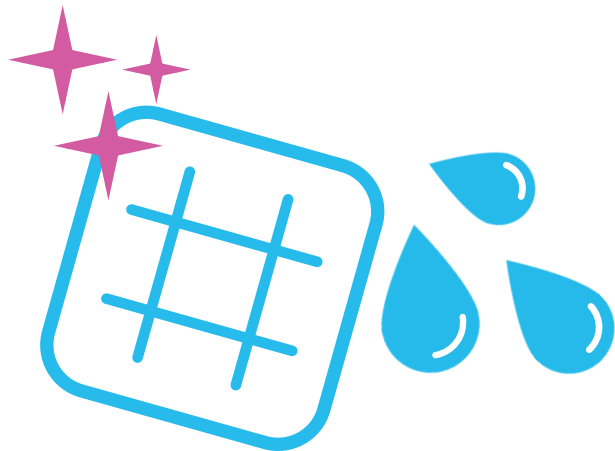
The nurse will put a stretchy band around my arm.

This helps the nurse see my veins. The band might feel tight.



Next, the nurse will
clean the skin where
the IV will go.

It will feel cold
and wet.



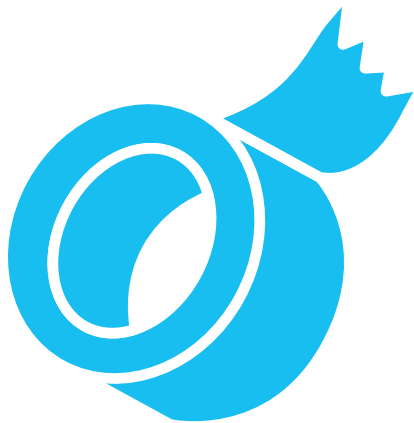


The nurse will put in my IV. I can remember to hold very still.

I can choose to watch or look away. I can count to 3 and take deep breaths.



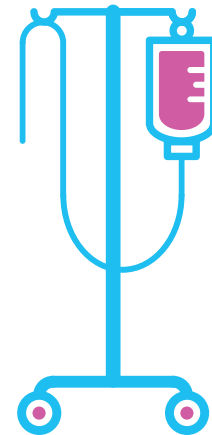
The nurse will place tape over the small straw to make sure it stays in the right place.





The nurse will connect my IV to a long, clear tube.

My medicine will go through the tube from a machine like this.



Now my infusion
will start. I can play
a game, watch a
movie or do art
projects during my
infusion.





My nurse will tell me when my infusion is all done.

My nurse will take the tape off and slide the IV out. I can remember to keep my body still.

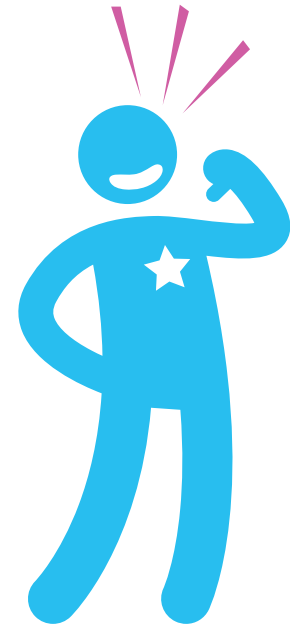


When the IV
is out, my
nurse will hold
soft gauze on
my arm.





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



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