

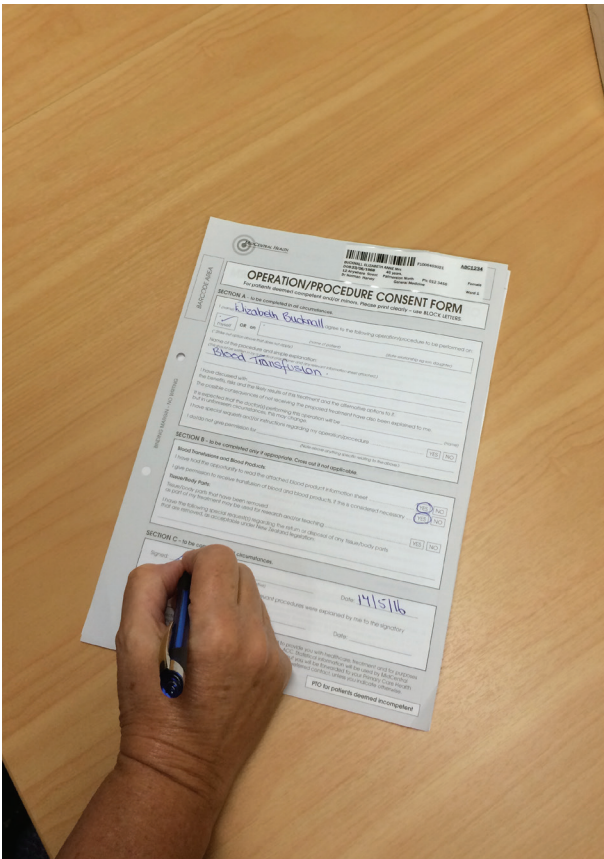
Having a Blood Transfusion





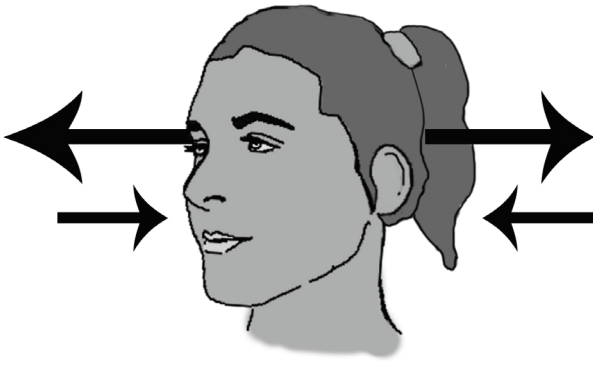
A doctor has decided you need some blood.

This is called a blood transfusion.



The doctor will ask you to sign a form to say you are happy to have the blood.

This is called consent.



It is important that you have this blood transfusion but you can say **no**.



The nurse will tell you all about having blood.



Before you sign the consent form, you may want to ask some questions.



Before you have the blood transfusion, you will need a blood test.



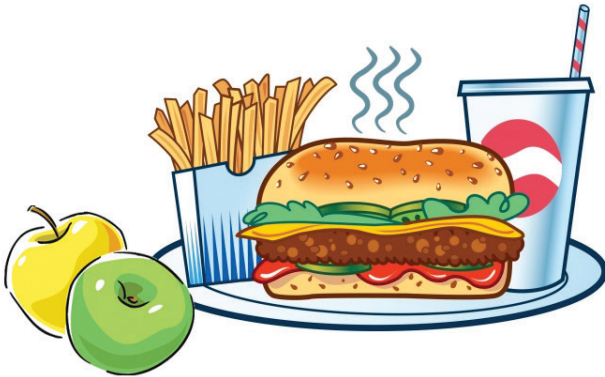
This is to find out your blood group.



You will need to be in hospital to have your blood transfusion.



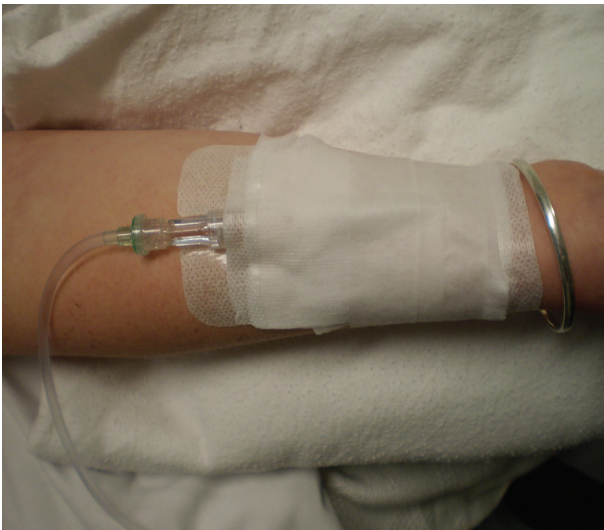
You can bring someone with you and something to do.



You can also eat and drink while you have your blood transfusion.



When you arrive into the hospital, the nurse will put a band on your wrist with your name and birthday written on it.

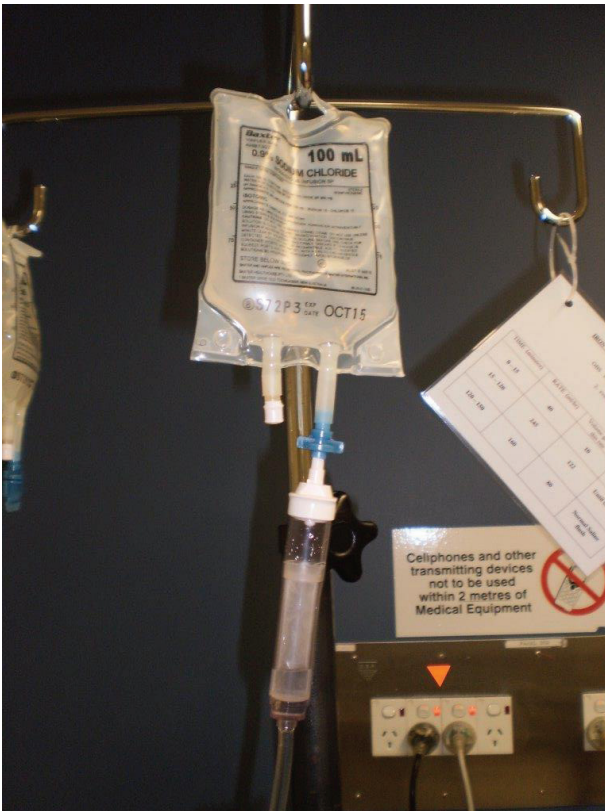


You will need a tube in your hand or arm.

It is called a cannula.



The cannula will have a long tube attached to it.



A bag of liquid called saline will be hung up on a special hook by your bed or chair.

The nurse will check your:



- Temperature



- Pulse and blood pressure



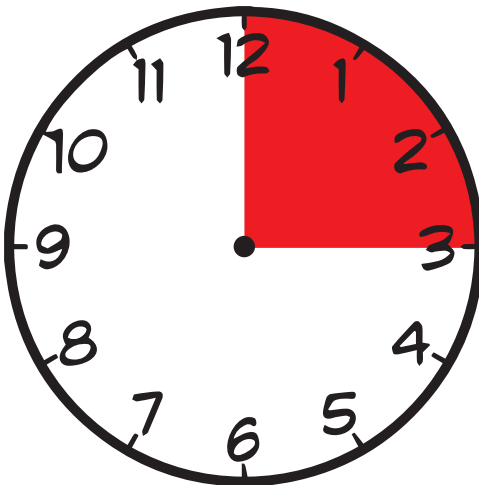
- Breathing



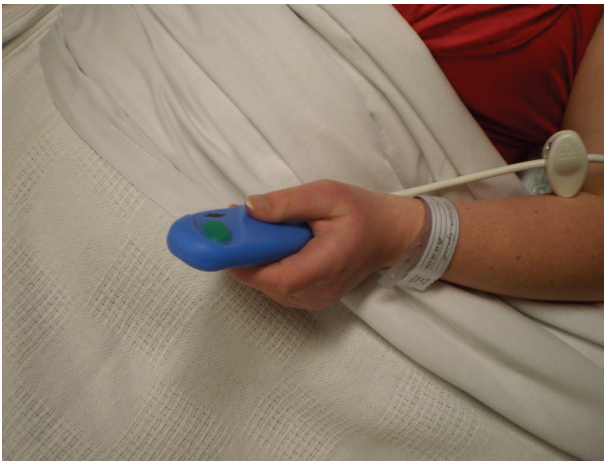
- Oxygen in the blood



When the blood is ready, the nurse will attach the blood.



The nurse will stay close to you for 15 minutes.



If everything is alright your nurse will go leaving you with your call bell.



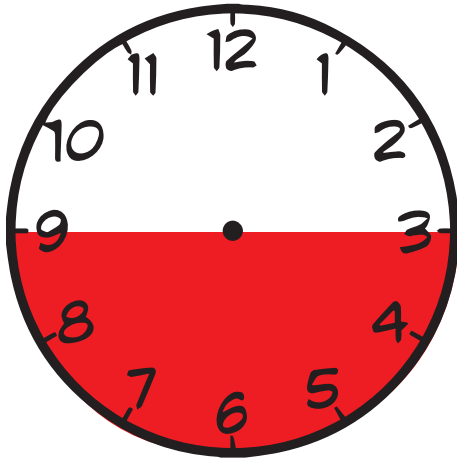
If your body feels different

- itchy
- hot

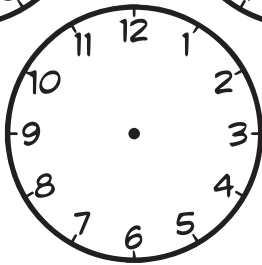
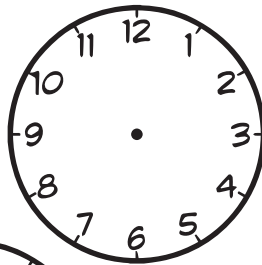
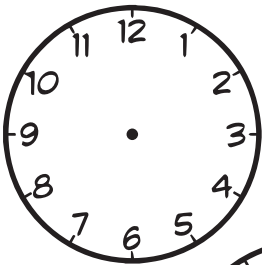


- you hurt somewhere

you must push your call bell and tell the nurse.



The nurse will come back and check on you during the blood transfusion.



It will take 2 to 3 hours for a bag of blood to go into your body through the cannula.

The nurse will check your:



- Temperature



- Pulse and blood pressure



- Breathing



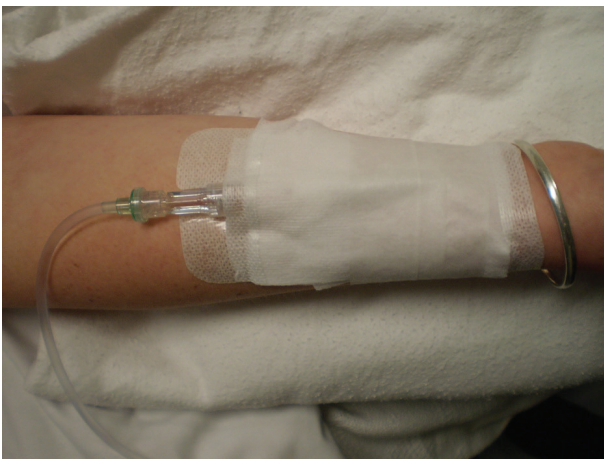
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You might have 1 bag of blood or you might need to have more.



When all the bags of blood are empty, the bags and the long tube will be removed.



If you are going to stay in the hospital, the cannula might stay in your hand or arm.



If you are going home the nurse will take the cannula out.

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Sometimes people have to have their blood on different days.

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