

HMR Intravenous Therapy Team (HITT) - IV Cannula

An information guide



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What is Intravenous Therapy?

The term intravenous or IV is used when medicine is given straight into your blood, into a vein. The device that is used will depend on the treatment you are having and how long you need the treatment for.

What does IV Therapy in the community involve?

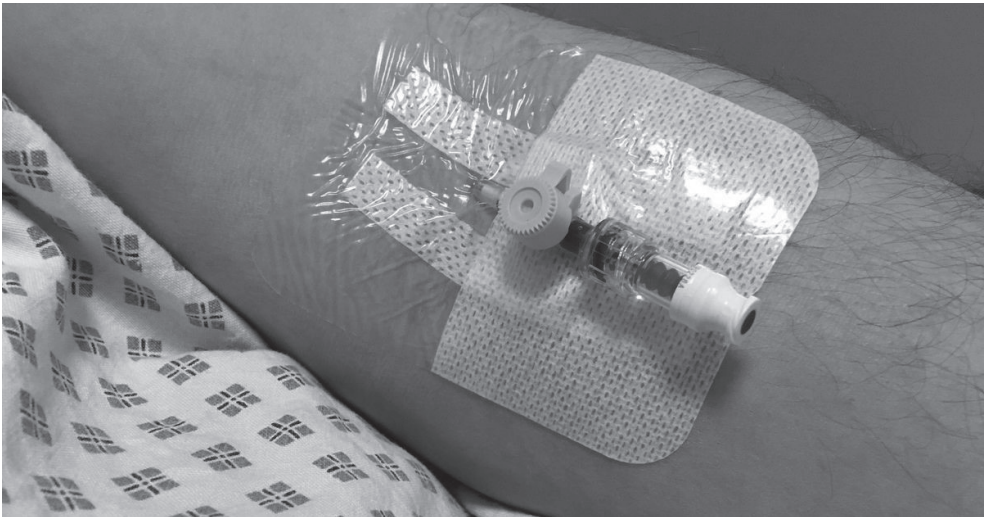
This means being seen in a clinic close to home or if you are bed bound in your home by a nurse to give you intravenous medication. The time will be agreed between you and the nurse. You will be given written information and contact numbers as help is available.

Your intravenous cannula

A cannula is a small plastic tube that is inserted with a needle through the skin, into one of your veins. The needle is then removed so that only the plastic tube is left in your vein. This is inserted in a very clean way and can be left in situ. It will be assessed daily.

What are the risks with a cannula?

- Any object, including a cannula, that breaks the skin has a risk of letting infection into the body. A good clean aseptic insertion technique will reduce the risk.
- The cannula can rub the vein and cause irritation. There is less risk if the cannula is inserted away from joints, secured well and has an extension on it.
- Difficult or unsuccessful insertions can result in bruising, especially if you have small veins.
- Insertion and removal of the cannula site may bleed.



Caring for your cannula following treatment

If you experience any of the following symptoms please inform the nurse as soon as possible as these could be signs of infection:

- Pain
- Swelling
- Chills or sweats
- Raised temperature
- Feeling generally unwell
- Heat or redness around the cannula or up your arm

How to take care of your cannula

- Try to keep your cannula dressing clean and dry. A rubber glove or cling film can help with this when washing.
- Only touch the cannula when you need to.
- Do not pull the cannula or anything that may be attached to it .
- Take care especially when changing clothing.
- Report any problems as soon as possible.
- Avoid sports where the cannula may be dislodged.

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Telephone: 0161 604 5897

Email: pals@pat.nhs.uk.

Alternatively you can write to: PALS, IM&T Building, North Manchester General Hospital, Delaunays Road, Crumpsall, M8 5RB.

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Complaints Department, IM&T Building, North Manchester General Hospital, Delaunays Road, Crumpsall, Manchester, M8 5RB

E-mail: complaintsoffice.trust@pat.nhs.uk

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