

I need a Port



A children's guide to having a vascular access port

If your child needs a vascular access port (Portacath™), then this booklet is designed to help.

It was written to help children understand about having a vascular access port and what it will be like. This publication is intended to supplement the advice given by your child's medical team.

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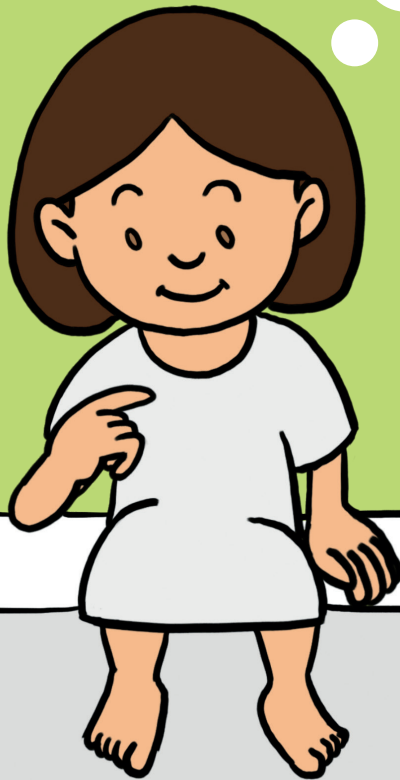


The Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust has produced a number of publications including one for parents, ***“Lines, Ports and Tubes,”*** which may be useful alongside this book. Please ask a member of your child's care team for a copy or they can be downloaded and ordered free of charge on our website.

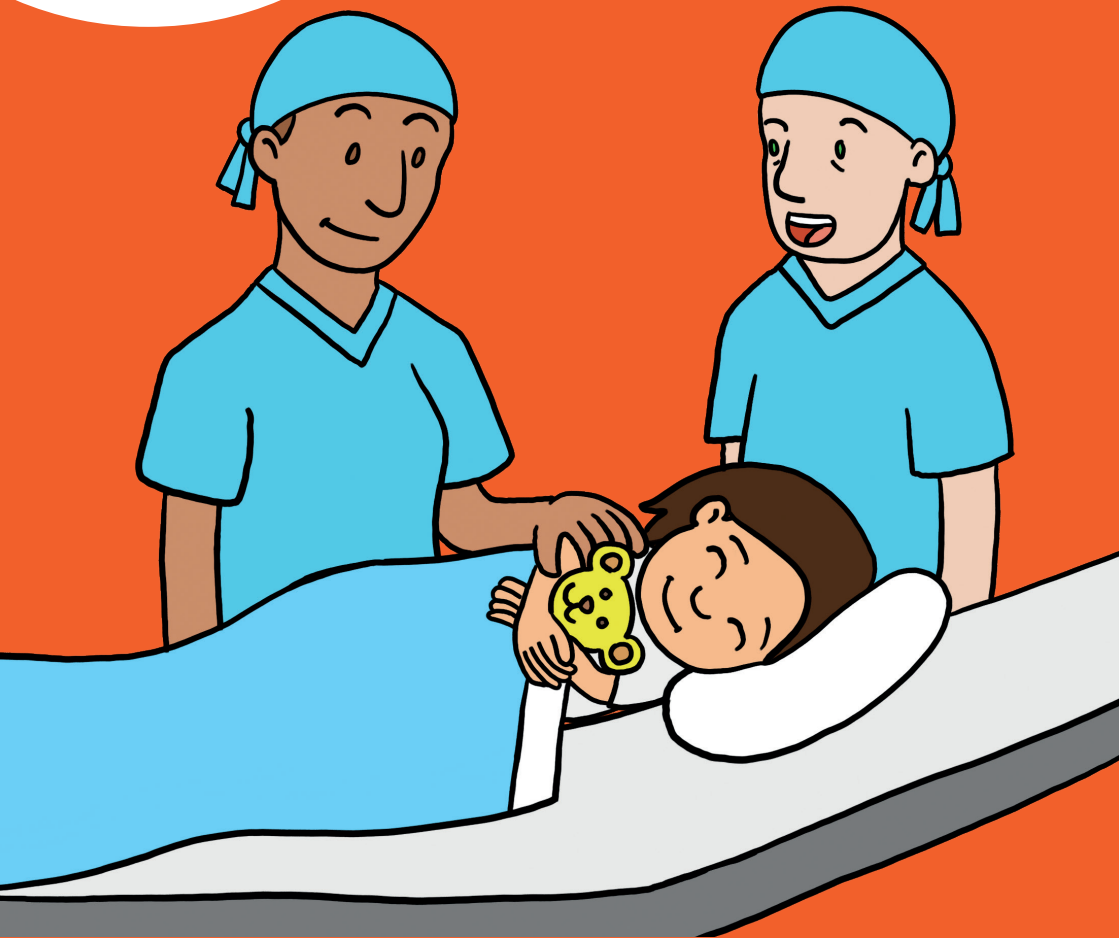
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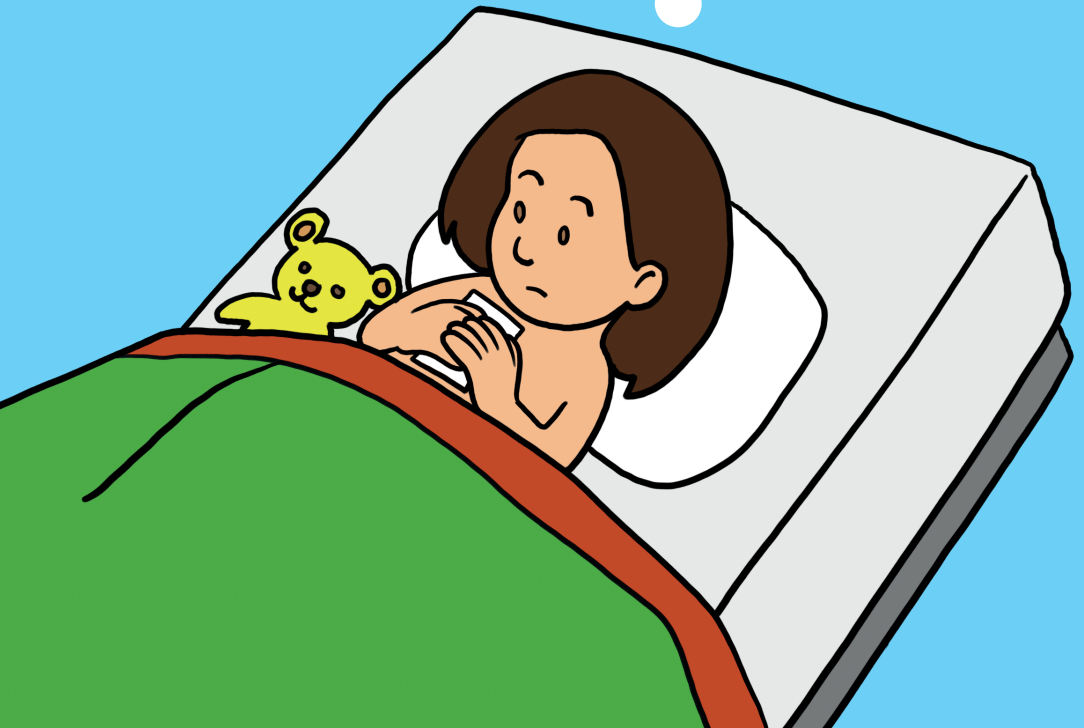
Soon, I am getting my port.



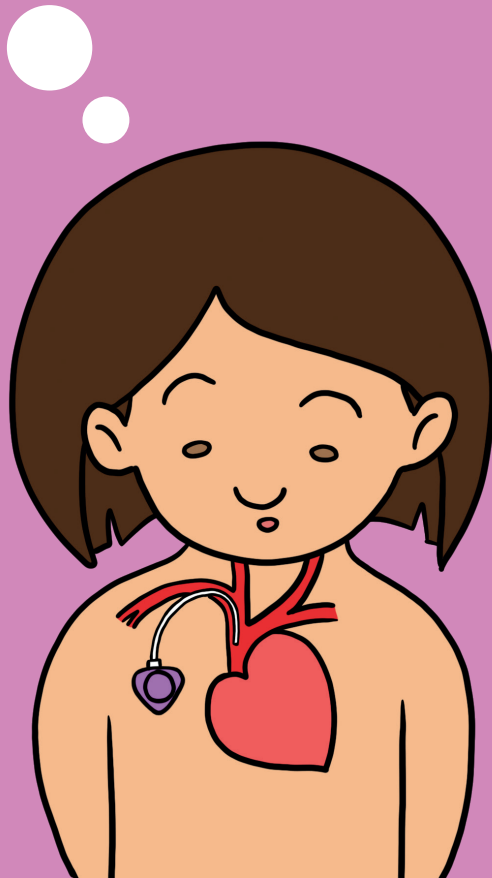
**I will have a little sleep and
when I wake up it will all
be done.**



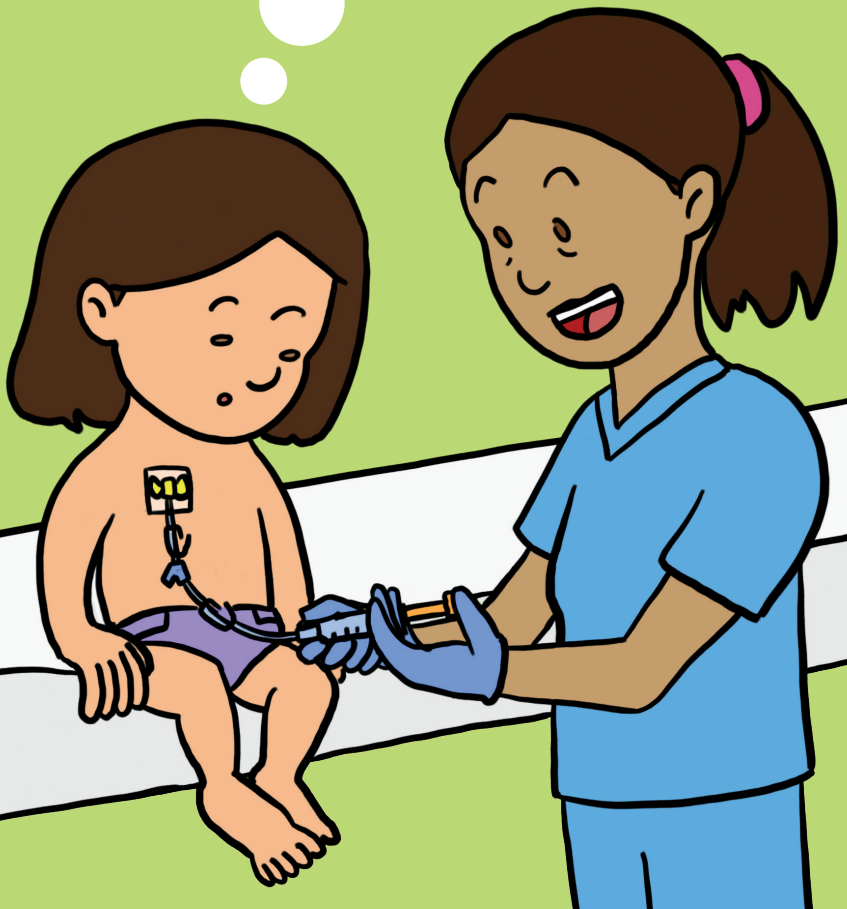
If I feel sore, I can have some medicine to help it feel better.



**My port is under my skin
and sits in a special place
near my heart.**



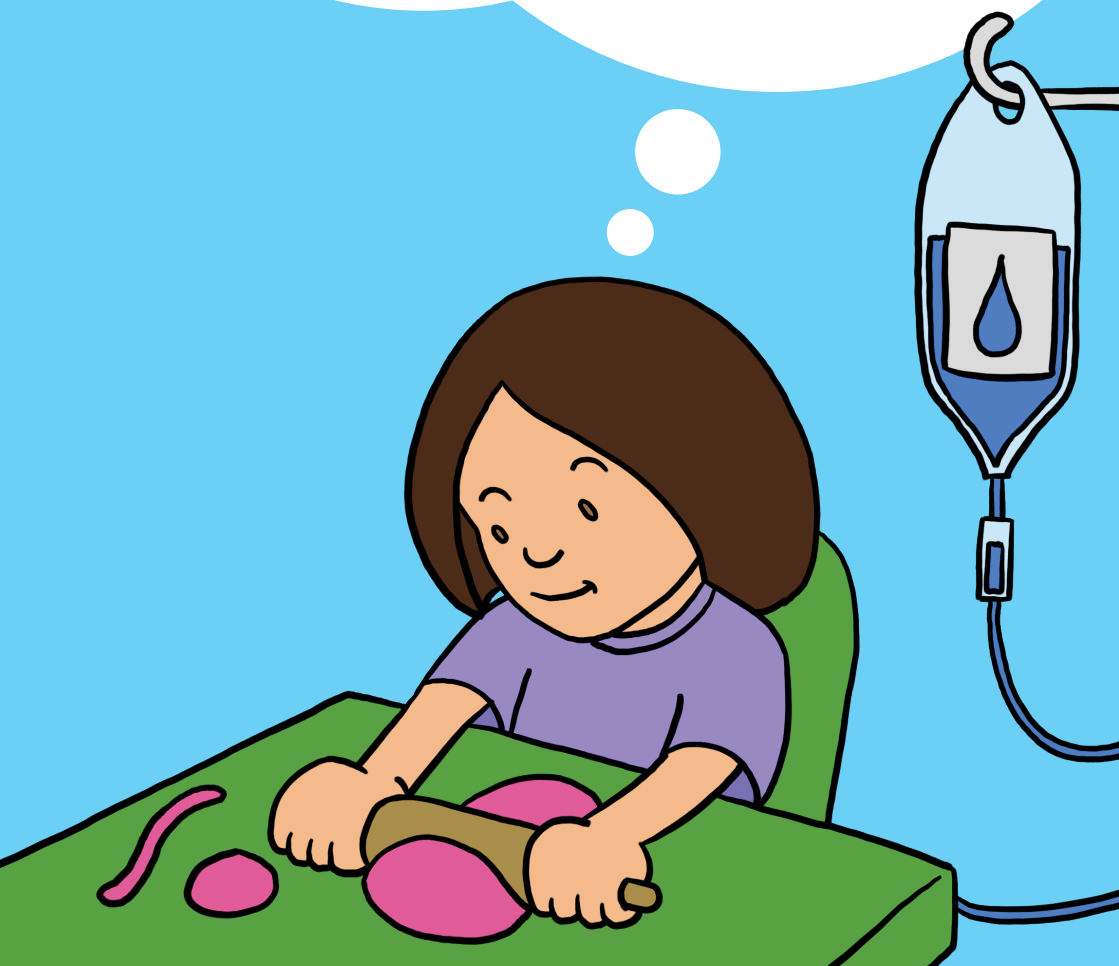
A special needle means that my port can be used. Cream or a spray can help make this easier.



**My port means my medicines
can be sent to just where
they need to go.**



My port means I can get extra drinks or blood when I need them.



When my port is not being used, I can splash in the bath or even go for a swim. It is hidden under my skin so it does not get in the way when I play.



**I have a port. It is very special
as it helps me to feel better.**





The Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust is a UK based children's cancer charity that concentrates on funding research and providing support for children with cancer. We also work to provide education on the signs and symptoms of childhood cancer and how it may present.

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