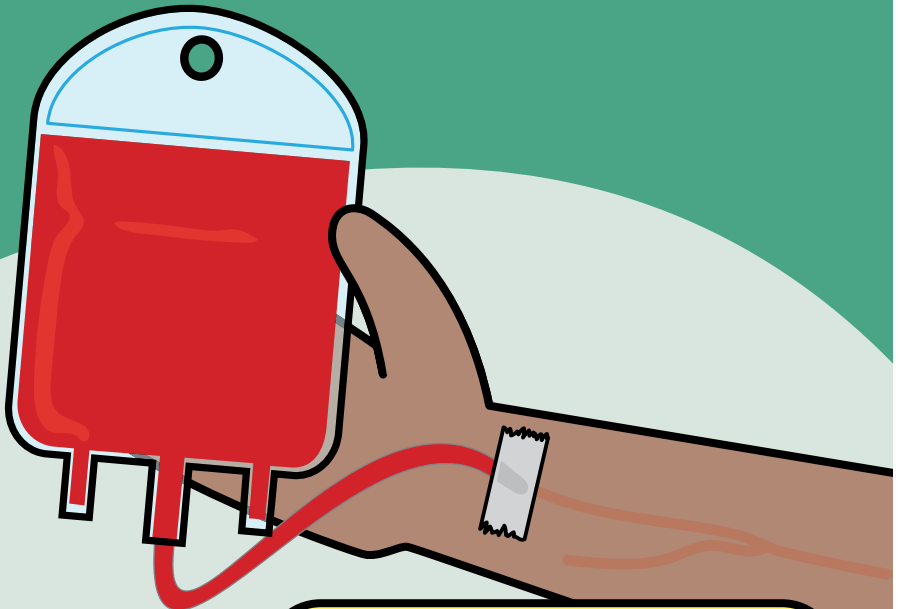


Will I need a Blood Transfusion?

Information for patients



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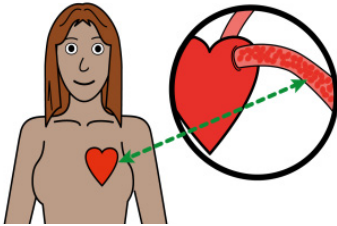
easy read



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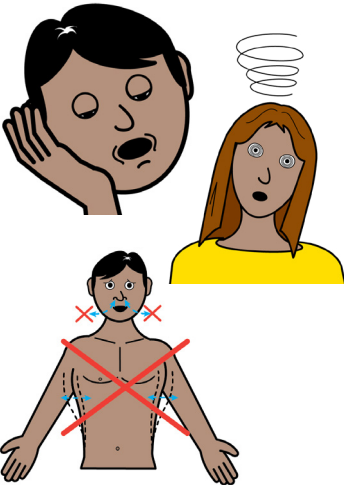
You might want to ask someone to help you read it.

Blood



Blood contains many different cells.

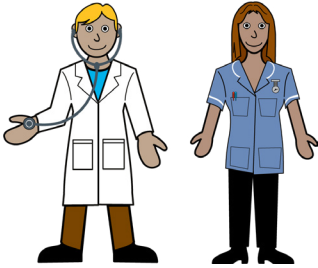
The red cells carry oxygen around your body.



A lack of these red cells is called anaemia.

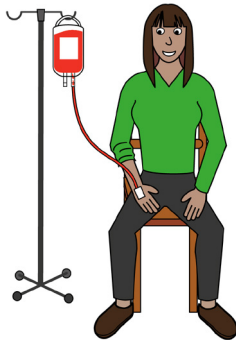
If you are anaemic you may feel tired, dizzy and short of breath.

doctor and nurse



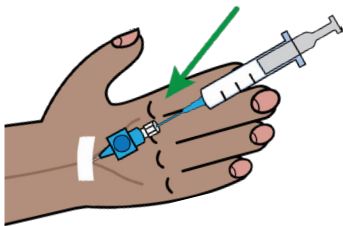
If you are poorly staff will try to help make you better.

blood transfusion



Medical staff might want you to have a blood transfusion in hospital.

cannula



They can give you blood through a cannula.

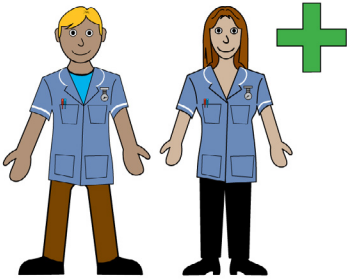
A cannula is a small tube that stays in your hand or arm.

needle in arm



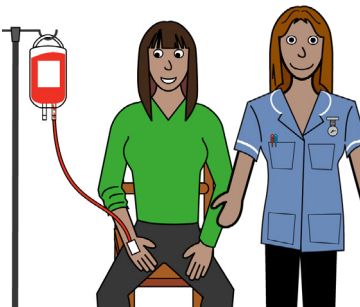
It feels the same as having an injection.

nurse



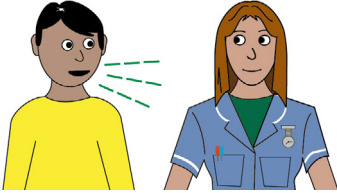
The nurse or a member of staff will measure and record your vital signs before, during and after your blood transfusion.

staff will check on you

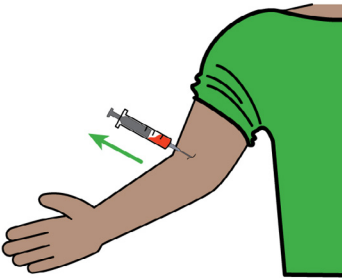


Staff will check on you regularly during your transfusion.

talk to your nurse



blood test



ask your nurse



If you feel unwell during or after your transfusion let the staff know.

Your doctor will arrange for you to have a blood test after your transfusion.

If you are unsure of anything please ask.

phone 999



If you go home after your blood transfusion and feel very poorly or are very worried call 999.

hospital passport



If you have a Learning Disability or Autism diagnosis please send your health passport to the Learning Disability and Autism Team:

leedsth-tr.lautism@nhs.net



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