



Cannula



Some medicine and fluids may need to go into your blood stream through a drip



The nurse will put a cannula into a vein in your hand



Or in your arm



The nurse will do this quickly then tape it in place



A long plastic tube will be joined to the cannula



The tube is joined to a bag of medicine or fluids



The nurse may give you medication via a syringe



Or medicine may be given through a pump machine

Having medicine through a cannula gets into your body quicker than tablets.