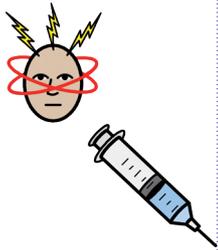




Having a blood test



People who take medication for epilepsy may have a blood test.



A blood test can tell the doctor if the medication is helping you.



A blood test is done

- at the hospital
- at your doctors or
- at your home.



A phlebotomist or nurse does the blood test.



The phlebotomist will collect you from the waiting room.



The phlebotomist is preparing blood samples.



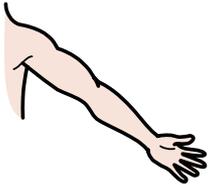
You will need to take off your coat.



You can sit or lie down for the test.



You will need to pull your sleeve up.



The phlebotomist will put a tight band around your arm.

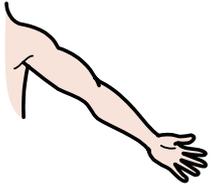
The band may be a bit uncomfortable.



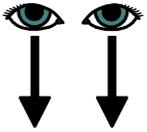
The band will make it easier to take some blood.



The phlebotomist has put a band around Pete's arm.



Try to keep your arm as still as possible.

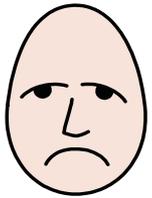


You can look away if you do not like the test.

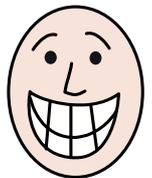


The phlebotomist will put a needle into your arm.

You may feel a sharp scratch.



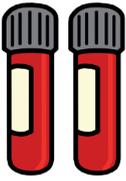
It may hurt a little bit but it will only last a few seconds.



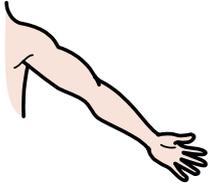
It will soon be over.



Pete is having the blood test now.



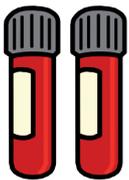
The blood will flow into a special bottle.



The phlebotomist will loosen the band on your arm.



The phlebotomist will take the needle out of your arm.



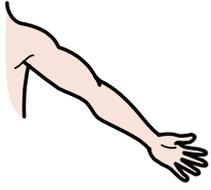
The bottle will be sent away for testing.



Your doctor will tell you the results.

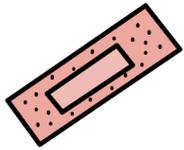


Some of Pete's blood.

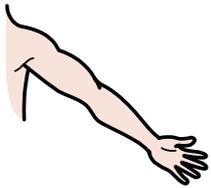


The phlebotomist will hold some cotton wool on to your arm.

There may be a little blood.



You can have a plaster.



The phlebotomist will take the band off your arm.



You can roll your sleeve down.



The test is finished and you can go home now.



The phlebotomist has put a plaster on Pete's arm.

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