

Information about your Syringe Pump



What is a syringe pump?



A syringe pump is sometimes called a syringe driver.

It is a small machine.

It has batteries to make it work.

It pushes a syringe to give you medication very slowly through a tube, which goes under your skin.

It usually gives medication for a whole day, over 24 hours.

Why would you need a syringe pump?

People have a syringe pump if they cannot swallow medicine.



Or if they are being sick.

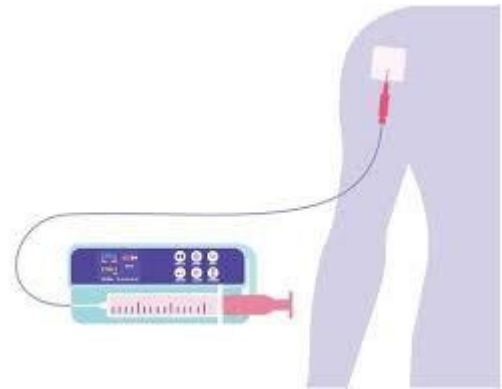


People have a syringe pump if their bodies can't use other medicines and tablets.



How does a syringe pump give you medication?

A small plastic tube is put just under your skin usually in your arm or chest, and a tube is attached to the syringe in the pump.



You should not feel it once it is in place and it can stay there for a few days. The district nurse will check it every day.



How will you know the syringe pump is working?

A **green** light above the 'ON/OFF' button will flash, when the pump is working.



If the pump stops the light will turn **red** and the pump will bleep or alarm.

Please contact your
District Nurse if this
happens.

Telephone: 0300 033
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Looking after your syringe pump

The pump comes in a locked box to protect it.



If you are walking around with your pump or going outside, you can put it in a bag so it is easier to carry.



Do not drop the pump. They break.

The syringe pump will not work if gets too hot.

Keep the pump out of direct sunlight.



Do **NOT** put it near hot water bottles, electric blankets or heaters.



If the pump gets too hot it won't work properly.



Can you have a shower or bath with a syringe driver?

Yes, you can have a shower or bath, but be careful to keep the syringe pump out of the water.



Always keep the syringe pump dry.



KEEP DRY

**Please return syringe pumps that are
not being used.**

If the pump has not been collected, please
contact the District Nurse Team at Tower
Hamlets Single Point of Access: 0300 033 500
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