

# 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.

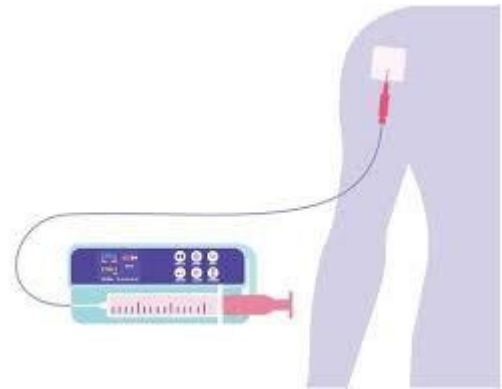


People have a syringe pump if their bodies can't use other medicines and tablets.



# 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  
5000



## 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 5000

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