

Blood Test Social Story



Ben



Children's Health Ireland
at Connolly

Ben is visiting CHI at Connolly to have a blood test



Having a blood test means that the phlebotomist will take a small amount of blood from Ben's arm or hand. His body is very clever and will make more blood very quickly.

Whenever blood is taken there are steps that people follow.

This story will tell you these steps and what happens when Ben came in for his blood test.

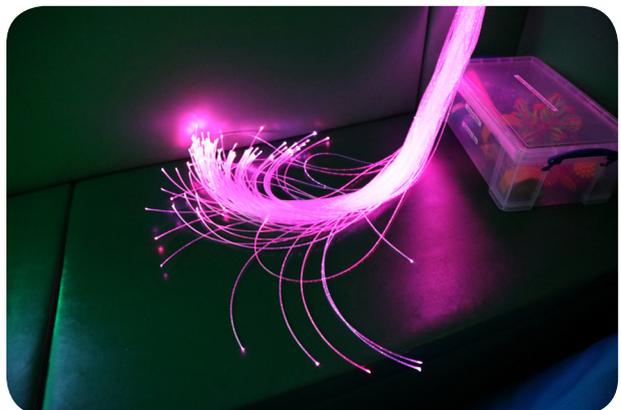
Time to Check – In!



It is important that Ben tells the friendly reception staff who he is so they can let the phlebotomist know that he have arrived.



Ben can wait in the waiting room or sensory room until it is time for his appointment.





Ben can sit in the chair and the phlebotomist will say hello and explain what they are doing.



The phlebotomist will help you get Ben's arm ready.



The phlebotomist puts a band around Ben's arm. This makes it easier to get blood. The band feels a bit tight but it doesn't hurt.

The phlebotomist will wipe his skin. He needs to hold his arm steady. Ben tries his best to stay still.



The phlebotomist uses the butterfly to take a little bit of blood from Ben's arm.

This feels like a little pinch on his skin.

It is important for him to try and stay still. Ben can play with his favourite toy or look at his favourite toy or device which helps him.



The butterfly is taken away.



The phlebotomist puts a plaster on Ben's arm.



Time for a reward.



WELL
DONE



All finished. Time to go home.

butterfly



bottle for blood test



cotton ball



band



gloves



skin wipe



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