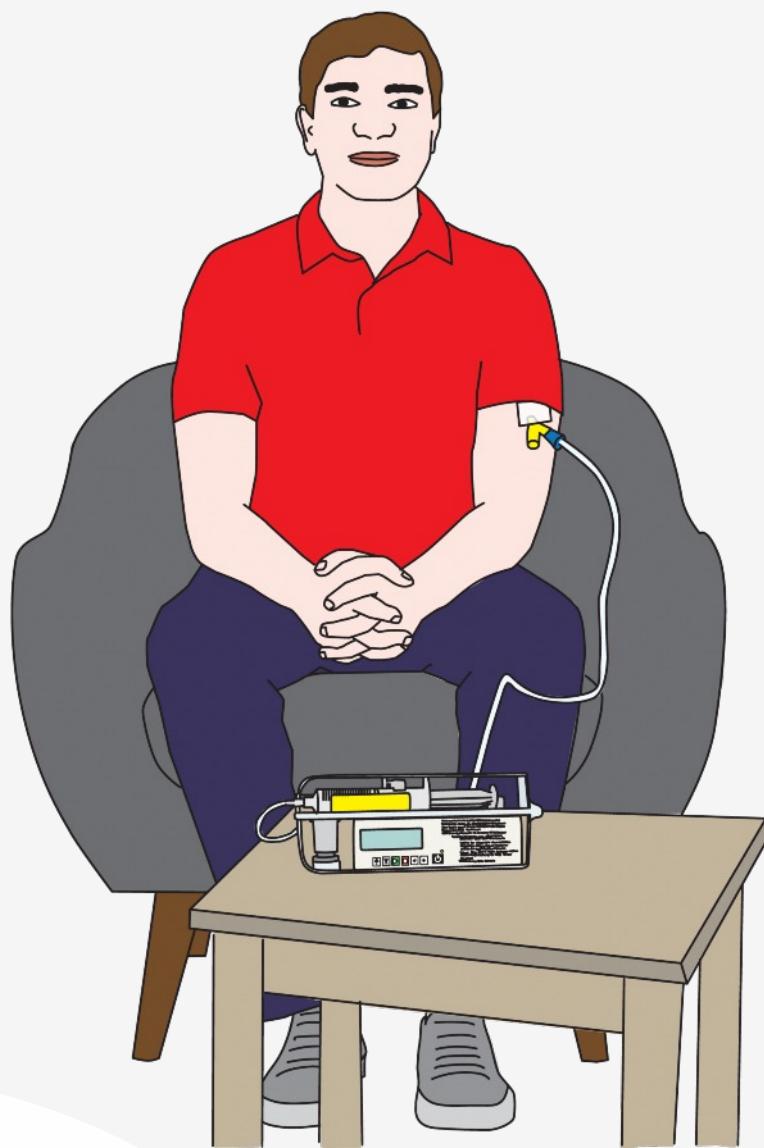


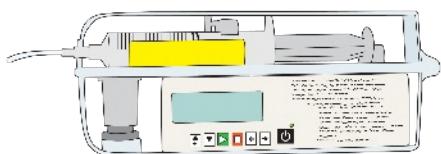
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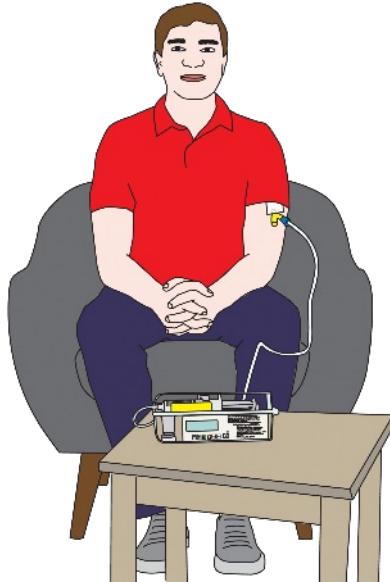
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What is a syringe driver?



A syringe driver is a small machine. It gives people medicines through a tube under the skin.

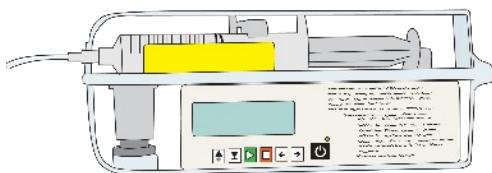
It is also called a syringe pump.

This is how you say syringe: *sih-rinj*.

This is what a syringe driver looks like.



Why is a syringe driver used?

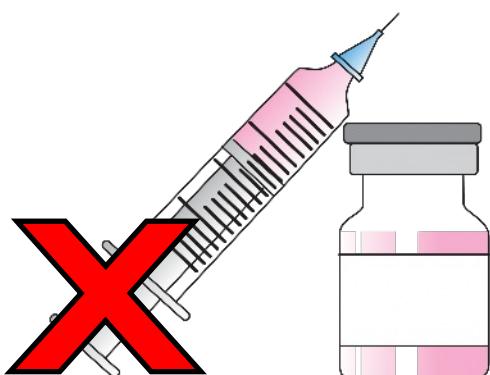


A syringe driver can help if you are ill.



You might have one if you need medicines.

Medicines can help with things like pain or feeling sick.

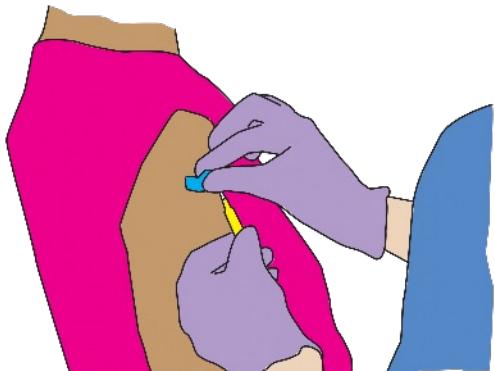


A syringe driver can be used instead of having lots of injections.



Or if you find it hard to swallow medicines.

How is a syringe driver set up?



Your nurse or doctor will put a small needle under your skin.

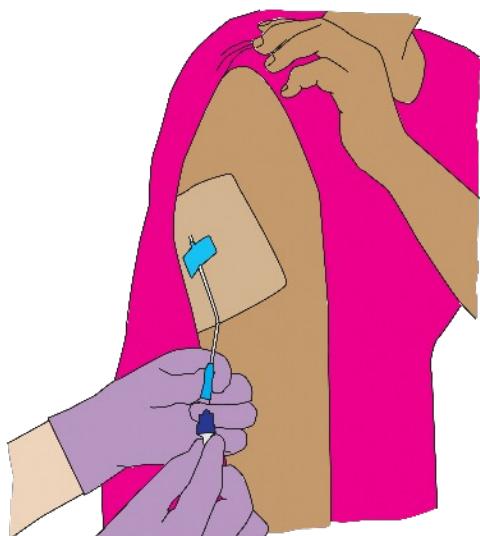
This will be in your arm, leg, tummy, or back.

The needle does not go in a vein.

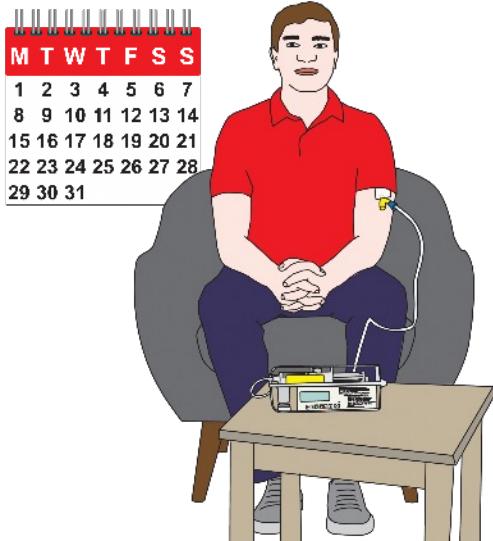


They will take the needle out. And they will leave a small tube under your skin.

They will put a plaster over the tube to keep it there.



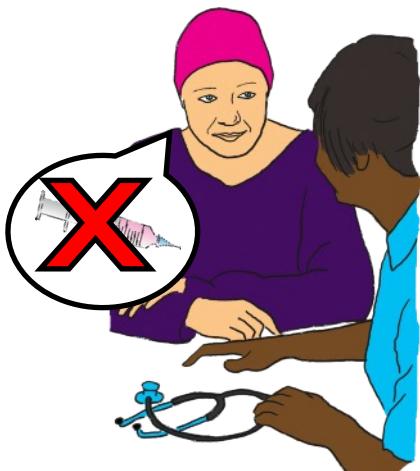
They will attach the tube to the syringe driver. The medicine goes from the syringe driver, through the tube, and into your body.



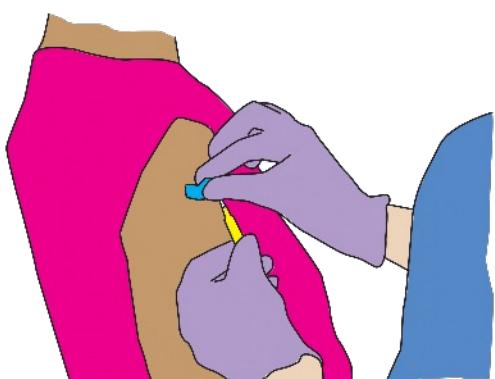
The syringe driver will be attached to you for as long as you need the medicines.

For example, you might have it for hours, days, or weeks.

What if I'm worried about needles?



Tell your nurse or doctor if you are worried about needles.



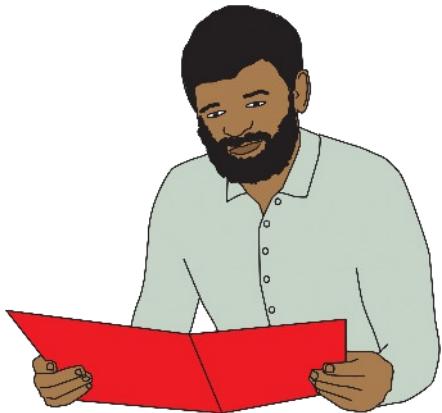
You might feel a small scratch when they put the needle in. After that it should not feel sore.



They can do things to help. Like using a cream or spray so the needle does not hurt as much.



Someone could support you, like a family member, support worker or friend.



You could have a book, a phone, or some music to distract you.



Tell your nurse or doctor if you have pain or feel uncomfortable.

Can I move around with the syringe driver?

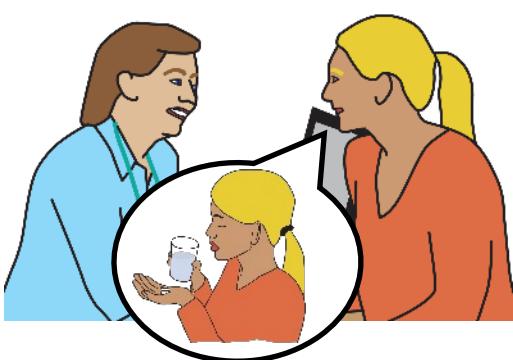


Yes. You can put the syringe driver in a bag and move around.

What if I have questions?



Your nurse or doctor can help if you have questions or worries.



You can ask them about other ways to take medicines.



You could also talk to someone who supports you. Like a family member, support worker or friend.



Or you can call Marie Curie's free Support Line on **0800 090 2309** or email **support@mariecurie.org.uk**



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