

# About infusion pumps

## Why is an infusion pump used?

An infusion pump is a way to give medicine to help manage symptoms such as pain.

- ✓ Safe
- ✓ No needles
- ✓ Medicine goes under the skin
- ✓ Medicine is pumped throughout the day and night
- ✓ Keeps the person comfortable
- ✓ Good when medicine cannot be swallowed
- ✓ Good when medicine cannot be absorbed well in the gut

★ These things help to keep the person comfortable.



## How does the pump work?



- 1 Uses a battery
- 2 Medicine is put in a cassette
- 3 Medicine is pumped from the cassette through tubing
- 4 Medicine goes into a plastic tube under the person's skin.
- 5 The place where the plastic tube enters the skin is called the insertion site.



# Ways to help look after the pump

## 1 Check the insertion site a few times a day

⚙️ Contact your nurse if you notice:

- Lump/swelling
- Soreness
- Bruising/redness
- Leakage around the insertion site
- The plastic tube has come out of the skin
- The clear dressing is coming off



## 2 Check the pump a few times a day

★ You do not need to check the pump overnight.

**It is good** if the green light on the pump is flashing.



**It is not good** if the pump is flashing and alarming.



**It is not good** if the tubing is leaking.



## 3 Remember



A bag can be used to carry the pump.



The pump is not waterproof.

**If you  
need help**



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