

Syringe driver pump



A **syringe driver pump** is a small device that **gives you your medication**.



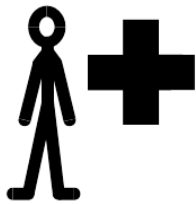
You will have a **small needle inserted into your skin** which is then attached to the syringe driver pump by a tube.



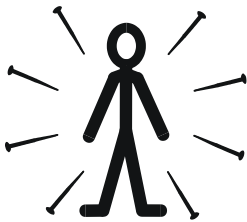
The syringe driver pump may make a **whirring noise and flash**. This **means that it is working correctly**.



The syringe driver pump will be **put in a small case to keep it safe and secure**.



Your **nurse will check the syringe driver pump** regularly to make sure it is working.



A person might **use a syringe driver pump because:**


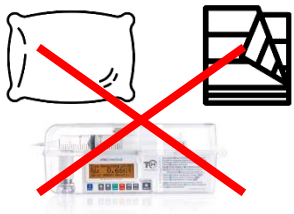

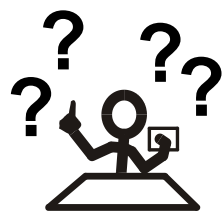
- They may be feeling unwell or vomiting
- They are in pain.
- They find it difficult to swallow oral medication or cannot absorb this.
- They are very weak or unconscious
- To avoid giving the person lots of injections.
- To allow more than one medication to be given at the same time.



It is important that you **tell your doctor or nurse if you're still having problems with your symptoms, or if they are getting worse.**



If you hear a **bleeping noise coming from the syringe driver pump** you should **call your nurse for help.**

	<p>Do not touch the syringe driver pump if it is making a bleeping noise.</p>
	<p>Do not put the syringe driver pump under your pillow or sheets.</p>
	<p>Try and keep the syringe driver pump and needle site clean and dry.</p> <p>Do not put the syringe driver pump under water.</p>
	<p>If you have any questions about the syringe driver pump you can speak to your nurse or doctor.</p>

Further sources of information

NHS Choices: www.nhs.uk/conditions

Our website: www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk

Patient Experience Team (PET)

PET is available to help with any of your compliments, concerns or complaints, and will ensure a prompt and efficient service:

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