

Having a Blood Draw

You need to have your blood checked today. This is called a “blood draw” or “lab draw”.

Checking your blood gives the doctors and nurses important information about how your body is doing.

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You can sit up during your blood draw.
A grown up may also sit with you.

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A team member will look at your blue lines, called veins. They will wrap a rubber band called a tourniquet tightly around your arm to see your veins better.

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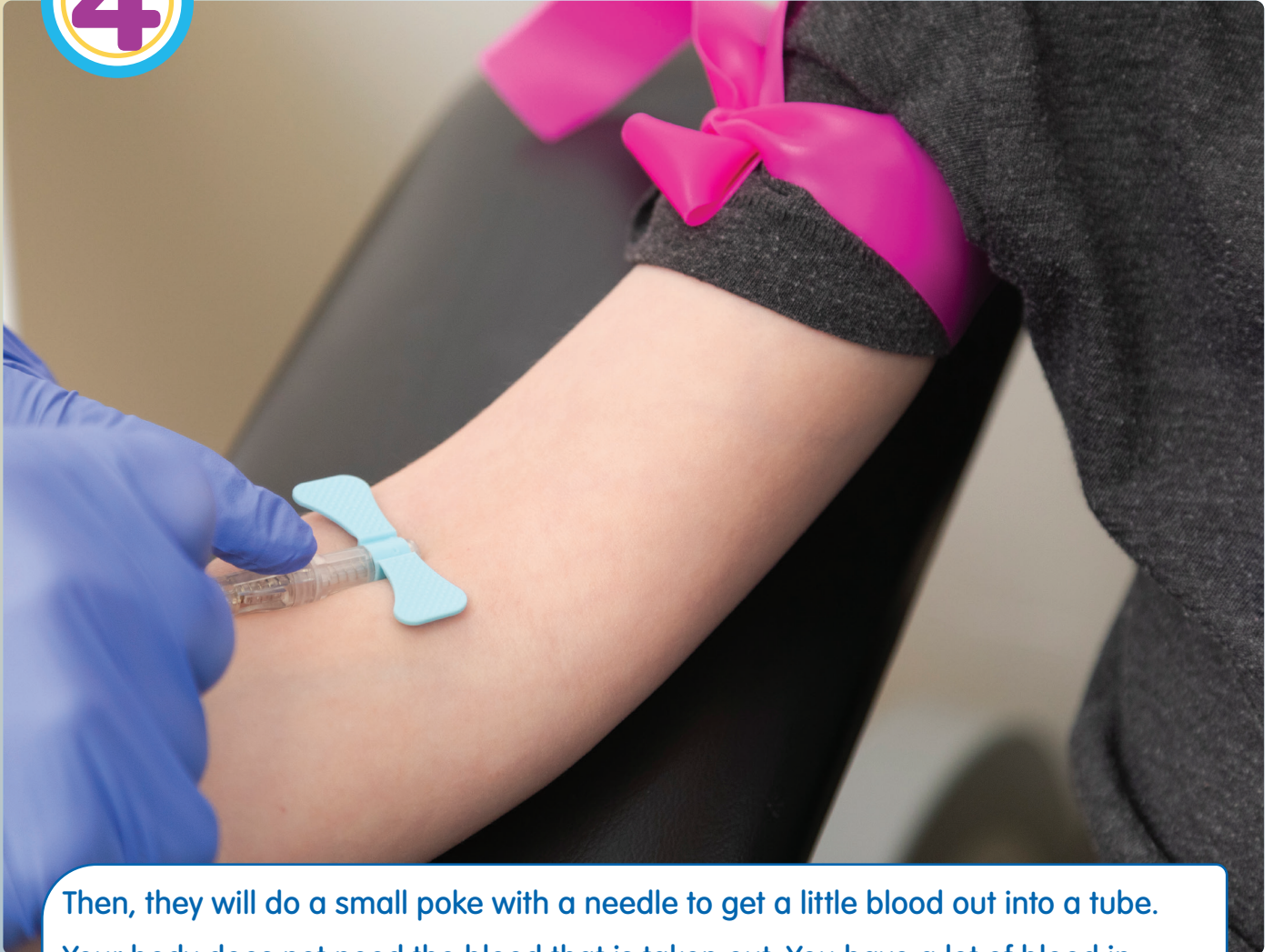
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Next, they will clean your skin with an alcohol wipe. It is a small cloth and feels cold and wet on your skin.

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Then, they will do a small poke with a needle to get a little blood out into a tube. Your body does not need the blood that is taken out. You have a lot of blood in your body and your body will make new blood quickly.

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When they have enough blood, they will slide out the needle.

Then you will get an adhesive bandage.