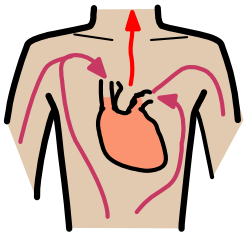
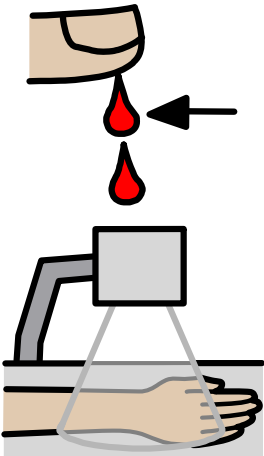


Having a venogram

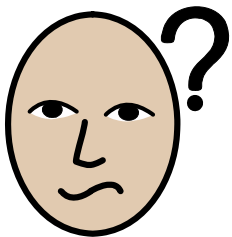


You have lots of blood vessels throughout your body. The ones called arteries carry blood from the heart to the rest of your body. Veins carry blood back to the heart.

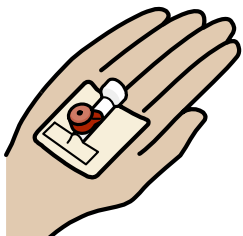


Blood carries oxygen (said: ock-see-jen) and goodness to every part of your body. Your body needs oxygen and food to work.

You might need a procedure to check to see if your veins are odd. This is called a venogram (said: vee-no-gram). It makes a picture of your blood vessels.



If you want us to explain anything again, please ask us at any time during the scan.



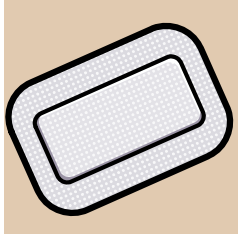
The doctor will put a thin tube into a vein in your arm or leg. Next they will put some liquid into the tube. This liquid shows your veins as a different colour on the picture.



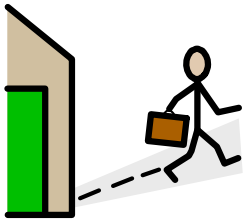
You will need to lie very still while the pictures are taken. The doctor will take lots of pictures of your veins.



Some people have an anaesthetic (said: ann-ess-thet-ick) for the venogram. You will not be able to feel anything or know what is happening during the venogram. You will wake up soon after the venogram.



At the end of the venogram, the doctor will remove the tube and put a plaster on the area.



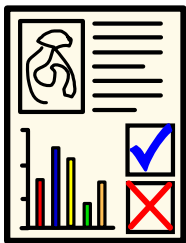
If you had a venogram as a day case, you will be able to go home as soon as you are feeling better.



Some children are already in hospital when they have a venogram. They will go back to the ward afterwards.



You should keep the plaster dry for 2 days.



We will send a report of the scan to your doctors.



Please ask us if you have any questions.