

# Cannulation



INTRODUCTION		
1	Washes hands	
2	Introduces themselves and confirms patient details	
3	Explains procedure & gains consent	
4	Gathers equipment	
PREPARATION		
5	Prepares field and places appropriate equipment onto it	
6	Dons gloves and prepares saline flush (also primes line if using extension set)	
7	Positions patient's arm appropriately	
8	Identifies appropriate vein using palpation and application of tourniquet	
9	Cleans site for 30 seconds and allows to dry	
CANNULATION		
10	Washes hands again	
11	Dons non-sterile gloves	
12	Removes cannula sheathe and secures vein	
13	Warns patient of a sharp scratch	
14	Inserts cannula at 10-30 degrees	
15	Observes for flashback	
16	Decreases angle between needle and skin, advancing a further 2mm (approx)	
17	Partially withdraws needle	
18	Advances cannula fully into the vein	
19	Removes tourniquet	
20	Places gauze underneath cannula	
21	Applies pressure to the vein proximal to the cannula	
22	Removes needle & discards immediately into sharps bin	
23	Replaces cannula cap / attaches extension set	
24	Secures cannula wings with adhesive tape	
FLUSHING THE CANNULA		
25	Flushes cannula appropriately, observing cannula site for evidence of extravasation	
26	Applies dressing to the cannula if functioning appropriately	
27	Disposes of clinical waste	

**TO COMPLETE THE PROCEDURE**

<b>28</b>	Thanks patient	
<b>29</b>	Washes hands	
<b>30</b>	Completes necessary documentation including VIP chart	

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