

Cannula

Information for patients, relatives and carers

① For more information, please contact: The Infection Prevention and Control Team, York telephone: 01904 725860, York Hospital or Scarborough telephone: 01723 342395, Scarborough Hospital

A cannula is a thin tube that is inserted into your vein. They are used to administer fluid and medication.



Please tell staff if:

You have pain, swelling or redness at the cannula site.

Your dressing is not clean, dry and secure.

Your cannula has not been used for a day or more.

Tell us what you think of this leaflet

We hope that you found this leaflet helpful. If you would like to tell us what you think, please contact: The York Hospital, Wigginton Road, York, YO31 8HE or telephone 01904 725860, Scarborough Hospital, Woodlands Drive, Scarborough, YO12 6QL or telephone 01723 342395.

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS offers impartial advice and assistance to patients, their relatives, friends and carers. We can listen to feedback (positive or negative), answer questions and help resolve any concerns about Trust services.

PALS can be contacted on 01904 726262, or email yhs-tr.patientexperienceteam@nhs.net

An answer phone is available out of hours.

Teaching, training and research

Our Trust is committed to teaching, training and research to support the development of health and healthcare in our community. Healthcare students may observe consultations for this purpose. You can opt out if you do not want students to observe. We may also ask you if you would like to be involved in our research.

Leaflets in alternative languages or formats

If you would like this information in a different format, including braille or easy read, or translated into a different language, please speak to a member of staff in the ward or department providing your care.

Patient Information Leaflets can be accessed via the Trust's Patient Information Leaflet website: www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/your-visit/patient-information-leaflets/

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