Having a blood test.

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Your blood can tell us if anything is wrong.

The person who takes your blood may be a nurse, a doctor or someone who is trained to take blood.
Your doctor fills in a blood test form.
Blood will usually be taken from your arm.
This is what we will use to take your blood.
Your arm may hurt a little. We can use a special cream that can help.
Can we take your blood please?

Please could you roll up your sleeve.

What is the problem? Talk to your blood taker.
The blood taker will wear gloves.
The blood taker will put a band around your arm.
The blood taker will touch your arm and look for a vein.
The blood taker will clean your skin. This may feel cold.
The blood taker will tell you before they put the needle in your arm.
You may feel a scratch. The blood taker takes some blood.
The blood taker removes the band from your arm.
The blood taker removes the needle from your arm.
You hold a piece of cotton wool on your arm.
The blood taker may tape the cotton wool to your arm or use a plaster.
The blood taker puts your blood sample in a bag.

The blood test is finished.
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Someone looks at your blood.

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