

If any of the following happen you must let the nurse know as soon as possible

- The pump gets wet
- The pump is dropped
- The colour of the medicines in the tubing or syringe has changed
- There is cloudiness or there are bits in the tubing or syringe
- The skin around the cannula is red, swollen or sore
- Liquid leaks from where the cannula goes into the skin
- The cannula has fallen out
- The tubing is not connected to the cannula and or syringe
- The alarm sounds.

If you are at home, phone the community nurse or the Out of Hours Service as soon as possible.

Main contact details:

Nurse:

Out-Of-Hours Service:

GP:

Other:



Important Information About Your McKinley T34 Syringe Pump



What is a McKinley T34 syringe pump?

This is a small battery pump with a syringe that contains your medicines. The pump will deliver your medicine slowly over 24 hours. The medicines are given through a cannula which is put into the fatty layer under the skin, and are then absorbed into your body. The McKinley syringe pump can be used to give you one, two or three medicines at the same time.

Why do I need a McKinley T34 syringe pump?

Using a pump does not mean that your medicines have stopped working or are not strong enough. Sometimes it is better for someone to be given their medicines this way. Your nurse will discuss with you why having a McKinley syringe pump would help you.

It may be because you have been feeling sick or have been sick, and find it hard to keep your medicines down. Medicines to stop sickness can be given by the pump at the same time as other medicines to help with things such as pain. Once you have stopped being sick you might be able to go back to swallowing your medicines.

It may be because you cannot swallow or absorb medicines given by mouth. The McKinley syringe pump gives you the medicines you need in a different way, that can be easily absorbed into your system. There are some medicines that can only be given by injection and using a pump avoids having to have lots of injections.

Living with your McKinley T34 syringe pump

A nurse will check regularly to see how you are. They will check the pump is working well and that the skin around the cannula is not red or sore. If you are at home the nurse will do the checks when they visit. You or the person who looks after you may be asked if you would like to help with the checks. If so, the nurse will explain what to do.

A nurse will put new medicine(s) into the syringe every 24 hours. Sometimes you may need to take some other medicines even though you have a McKinley syringe pump. This includes extra medicines to top up those given by the pump, should this be needed for comfort.

If you are at home and are able to swallow medicines, make sure you have enough tablets, capsules or liquids to take should you have any episodes of pain, sickness or anxiety. Let the nurse know if you have had to take any extra medicines or notice any side-effects. This helps guide whether any changes are needed to the medicines given by the pump, to make sure your medicines are right for you.

You should keep the pump and the cannula site dry. If you drop the pump into water, you must contact the nurse as soon as possible, as you will need a new pump.

You can go out and about with the pump, as it is small enough to be put into a pouch that can be worn as a shoulder bag or a similar bag. It is important that you follow the points below to make sure your pump works safely and to protect the medicines in the syringe;

- Do not expose the pump to direct sunlight. The pump should be kept in a pouch provided by your nurse or a small bag or similar that protects it from light
- The disposable pouches must be kept away from naked flames due to flammability.
- Keep the pump away from anything hot, like a heat pad, electric blanket or hot water bottle
- Keep mobile phones that are switched on about an arm's length away, as they may affect the way the pump works.

If you drive, you should ask the nurse if the medicines in the pump will affect your driving.

How do I know my McKinley T34 syringe pump is working?

The light above the 'ON/OFF' button flashes green about once a minute. If it turns red, there is a problem with the pump and you should contact the nurse as soon as possible. Your nurse will discuss with you what to do if the alarm sounds.