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Having a Blood Test



This leaflet explains what happens when you have a blood test



A blood test can be done by a doctor or a nurse or a special worker called a Phlebotomist



You will be able to go now



A phlebotomist is a health worker whose job it is to take blood



The results will be sent to your doctor who will explain them to you





A blood test can be done at your doctor's or in a hospital



If you are worried about having a blood test and would like to talk to someone, you can contact



It can tell your doctor if there is anything wrong with you



The nurse will put a tight band around your arm and ask you to keep still



Your Doctor



The nurse will put a needle into your arm. It might hurt a little



Your blood will flow through the needle and will be collected in a special type of bottle



The nurse will take the band off your arm. You might have to hold some cotton wool on your arm



This will be sent to the laboratory to be tested



Your arm should not bleed but the nurse might give you a plaster