

IV

Announcer It's time for...What's That Mean?

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Lucy But Nurse Lana, I don't like getting poked by a needle. What can you do for me?

Lana I'm so glad you asked Patient Lucy! To avoid getting poked over and over again, we might give you something called an IV.

Lucy IV is short for "intravenous." Let me show you how it works.

Lucy An IV is like a small straw placed into one of your veins

Lucy The straw has a needle with it, so you do get poked when we first put the IV in...

Lucy But then the needle comes out, leaving the straw behind. Now we can give you medicines without poking you over and over again.

Lucy We use the IV as much as possible, but you still might need a separate poke sometimes. You can ask your nurse if you have any questions.