



## Insertion of a 'Long Line'

### What is a 'Long Line'?

It is a long catheter (soft tube), which is inserted into a vein of the arm or leg, and threaded into a larger vein located in the body.



### Why does my baby need a 'Long Line'?

A 'Long Line' helps in:

- Administering intravenous fluids and nutrition
- Administering certain medications

### How is it done?

- A vein in the baby's arm or leg is chosen.
- The catheter will be carefully inserted into the vein and threaded into the larger vein.
- The catheter will be taped securely to the baby's arm or leg.

An x-ray will be taken to make sure the catheter is in the right place. Sometimes adjustments are made following the x-ray.

**There are always risks with any medical procedure.**

### Some of the risks include:

- Bleeding
- Infection
- Blood clots formation
- Perforation/puncture of the vein
- Line breakage

The doctors and nurses will take all the necessary precautions to ensure that your baby's risks are minimal.

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