

Taking blood from hands, feet and arms

These are known as venous samples.

These samples can be obtained by using butterfly needles, syringes or with adult bottles using vacountainers.

They can also be taken from hands and feet by 'dripping', this can be done by using the short tube on the butterfly to drip slowly into the sample bottles – this technique is better in smaller children as sometimes using syringes can collapse the vein so that you can't get the sample.

Cannulas can also be used to take blood from patients. If the patient has been admitted and they require medication following the blood samples then blood samples can be taken from cannulas. Also a cannula may be inserted to obtain repeated blood samples to make it less traumatic for the child.

All blood samples can be taken this way.



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