

Making Pokes Hurt Less

POSITIONS:

Sit in a parent's lap or in a chair to feel comforted and safe. Get a hug or hold a hand. DISTRACTION: A toy, book, song or video can keep your mind on something else.

Ask for Child Life NUMBING CREAM:

A cream can be put on the skin to numb it 30 minutes to 2 hours in advance. Great for IVs and blood draws.

SHOTBLOCKER: A small disc with bumps to distract your brain from feeling a shot.



PAINEASE SPRAY: A cold spray that briefly numbs a spot on your skin.

ALSO FOR BABIES:

Swaddle, sugar water and soothing. Breastfeeding helps too!

ALSO FOR TEENS:

Music, a video or game on a phone can be great distraction.

