



My Guide to Navigating Cancer

For children and teens



Value Life

Welcome to the paediatric ward!

Our entire team is here to take care of you, listen to you and support you throughout your treatment.

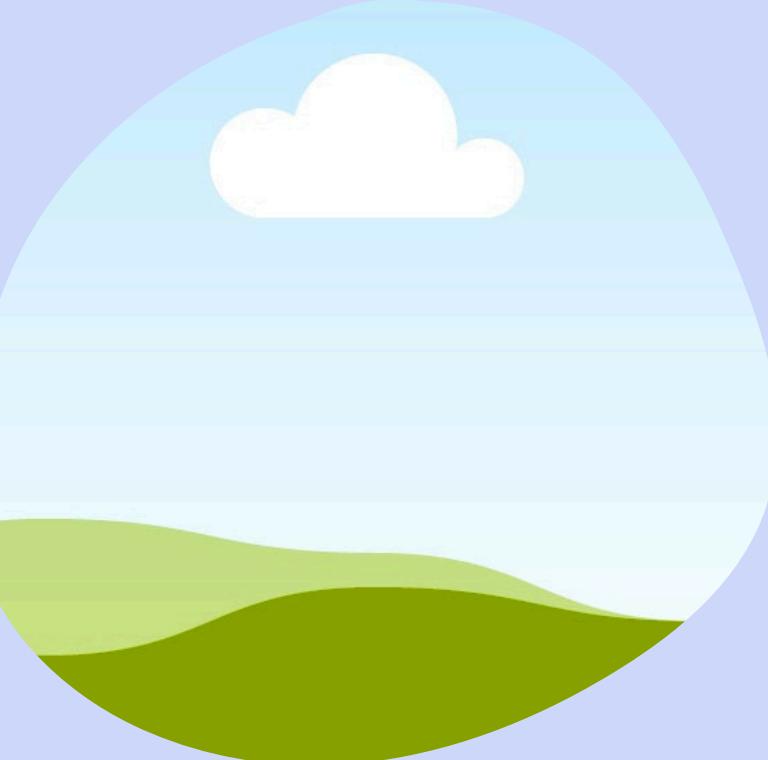
You probably received this little guide because you now have or will have an implantable port. This guide, created by Vygon, will help you understand what an implantable port is and how it will be used.

You can read it on your own or with your parents. It's here to reassure you!

My surname:

My name:

MY PARENTS



MEDICAL INFO

My hospital:

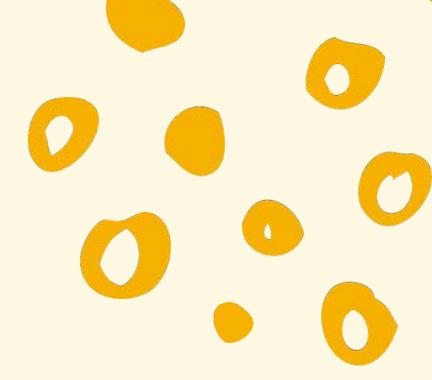
My service:

My doctor:

Phone number:

MY SPACE

Our characters:



Sloane



Sloane's mom



Sloane's Dad



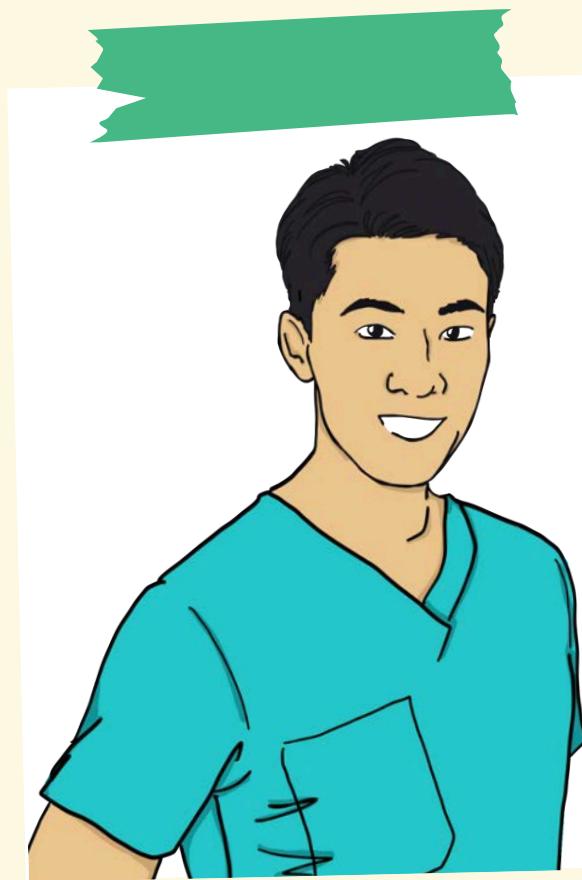
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Oncologist



Milla
Nurse



Oncology
Nurse



Dr Ina
Anesthesiologist

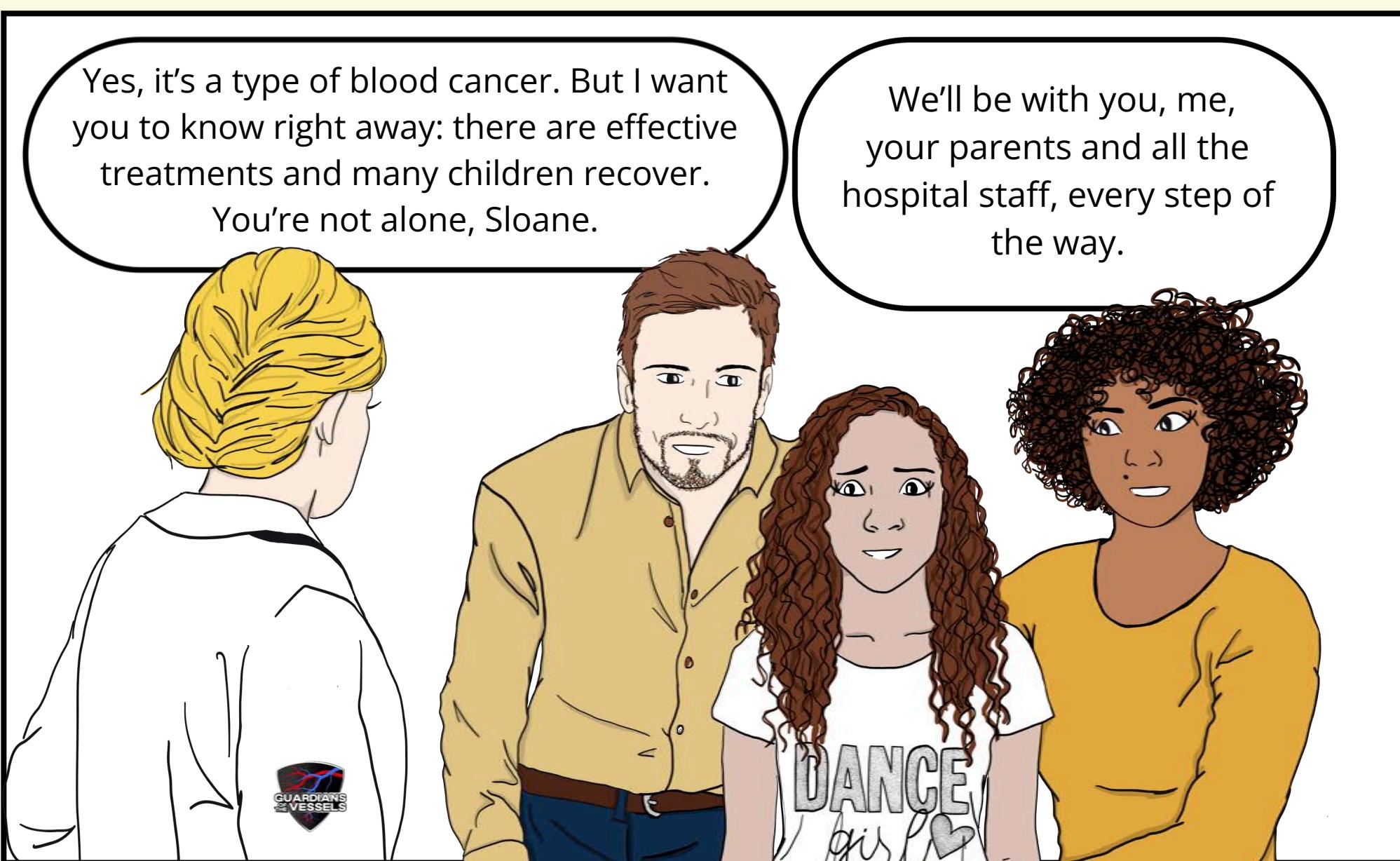
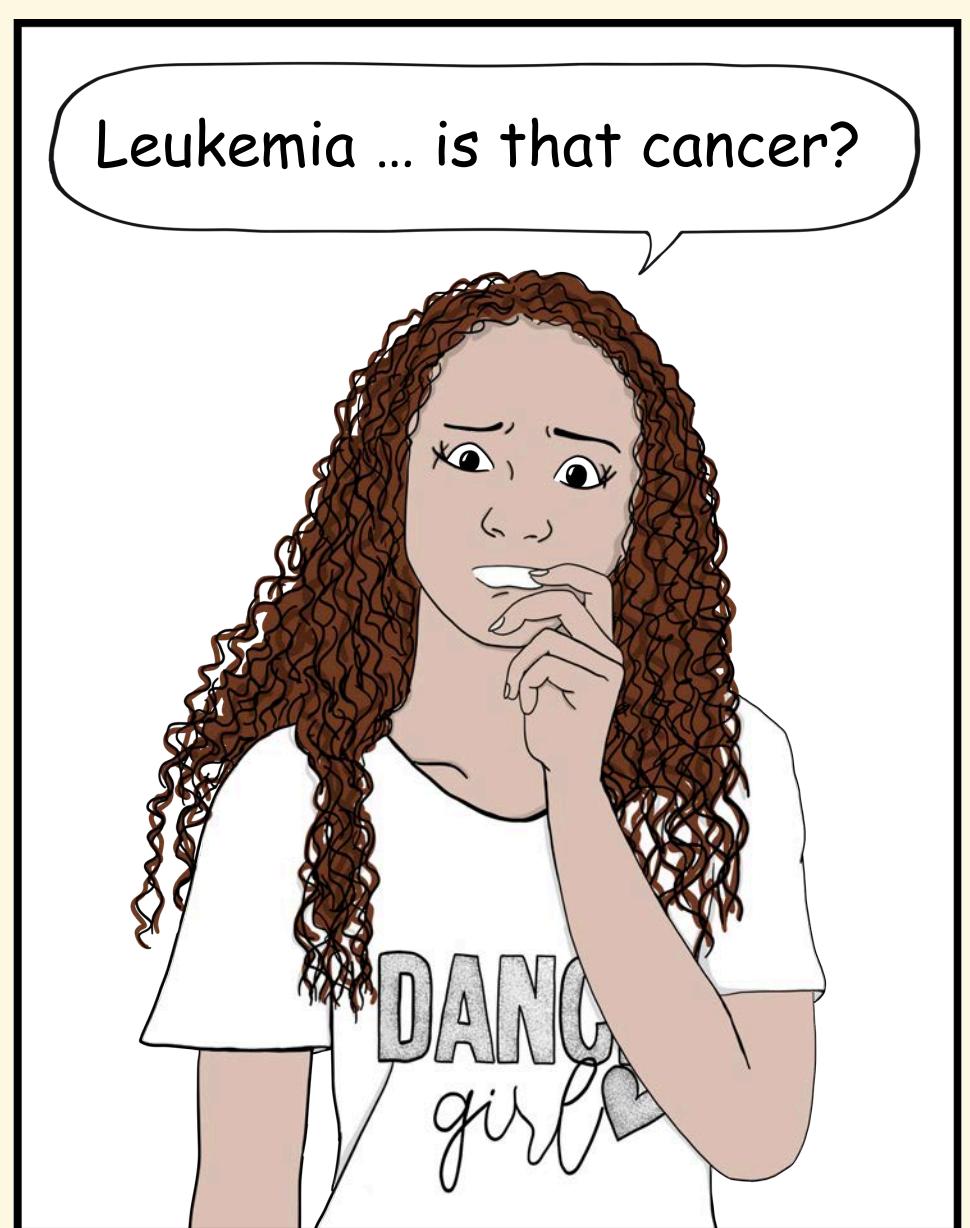


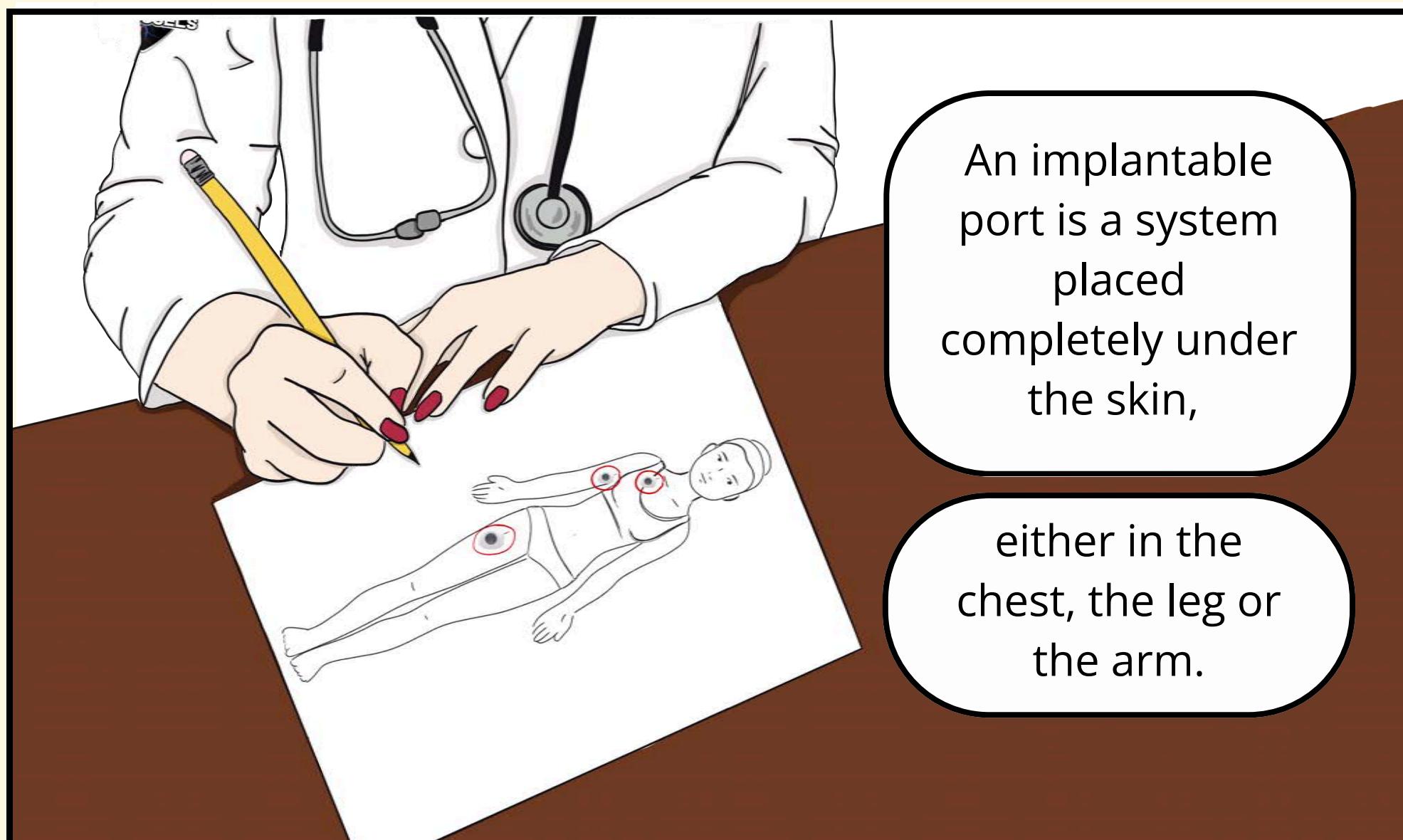
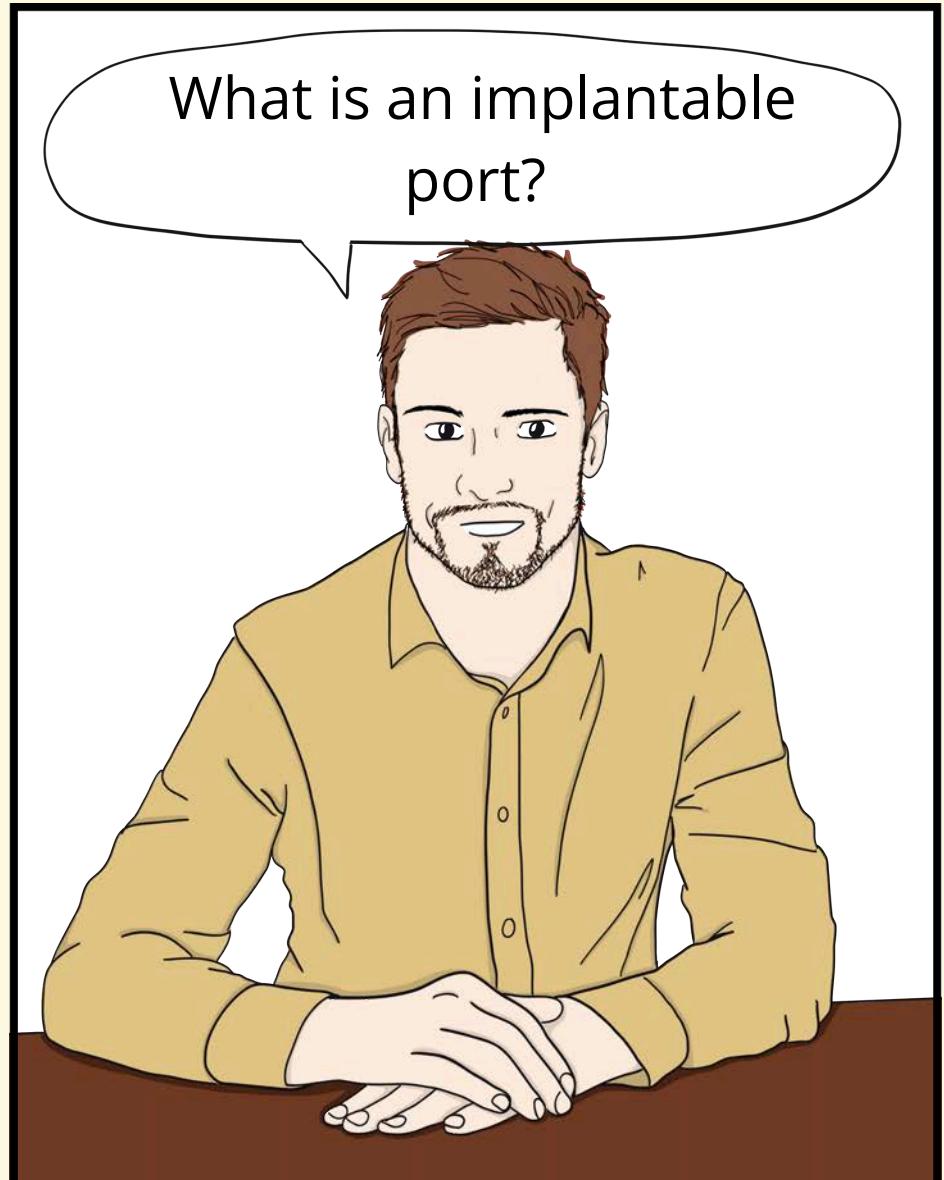
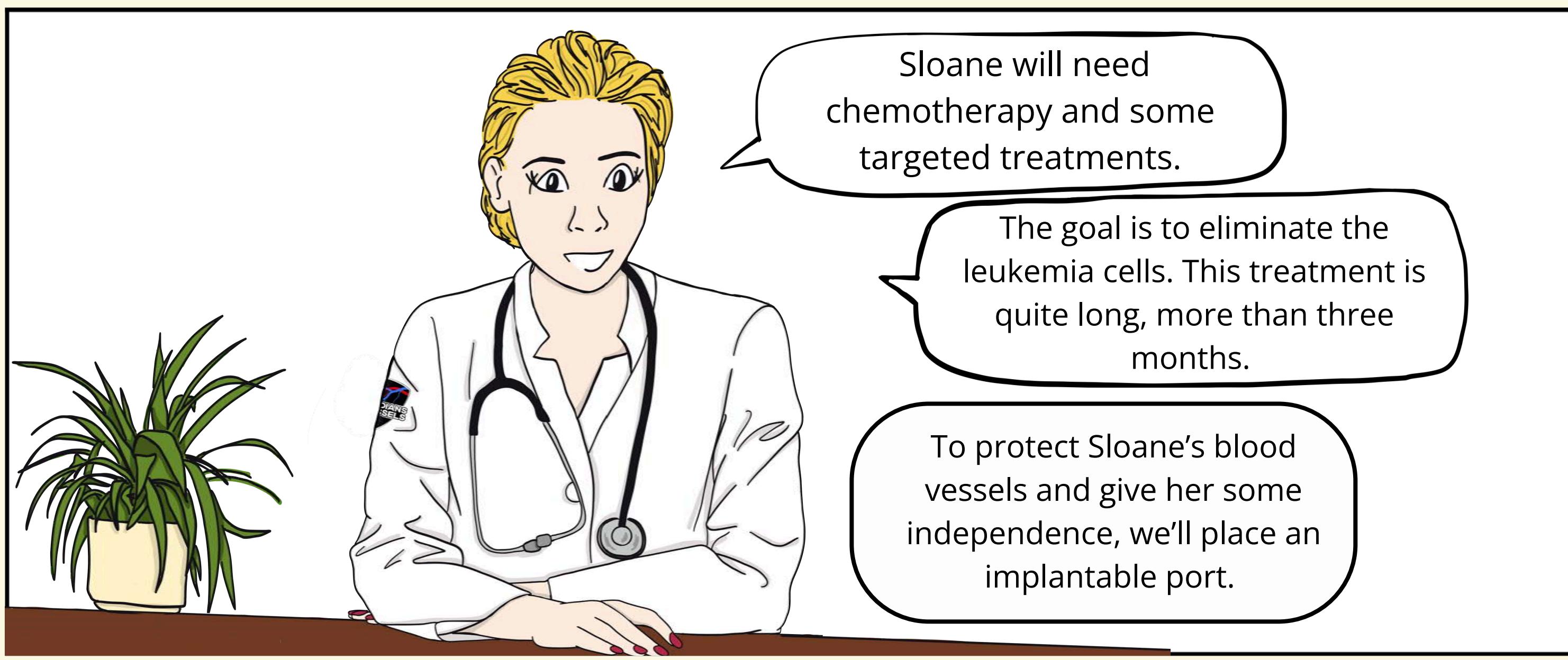
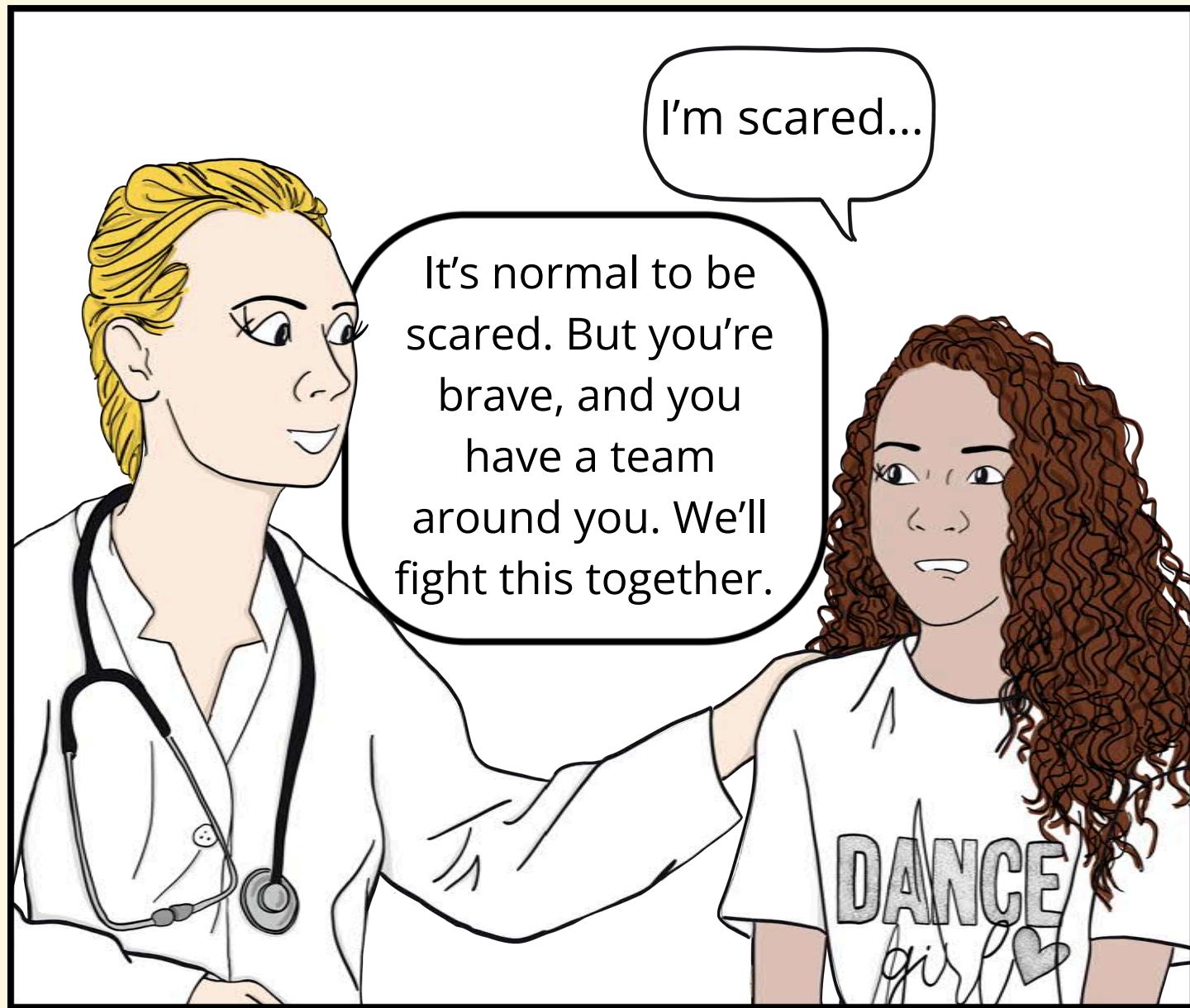
Sloane's
cousin

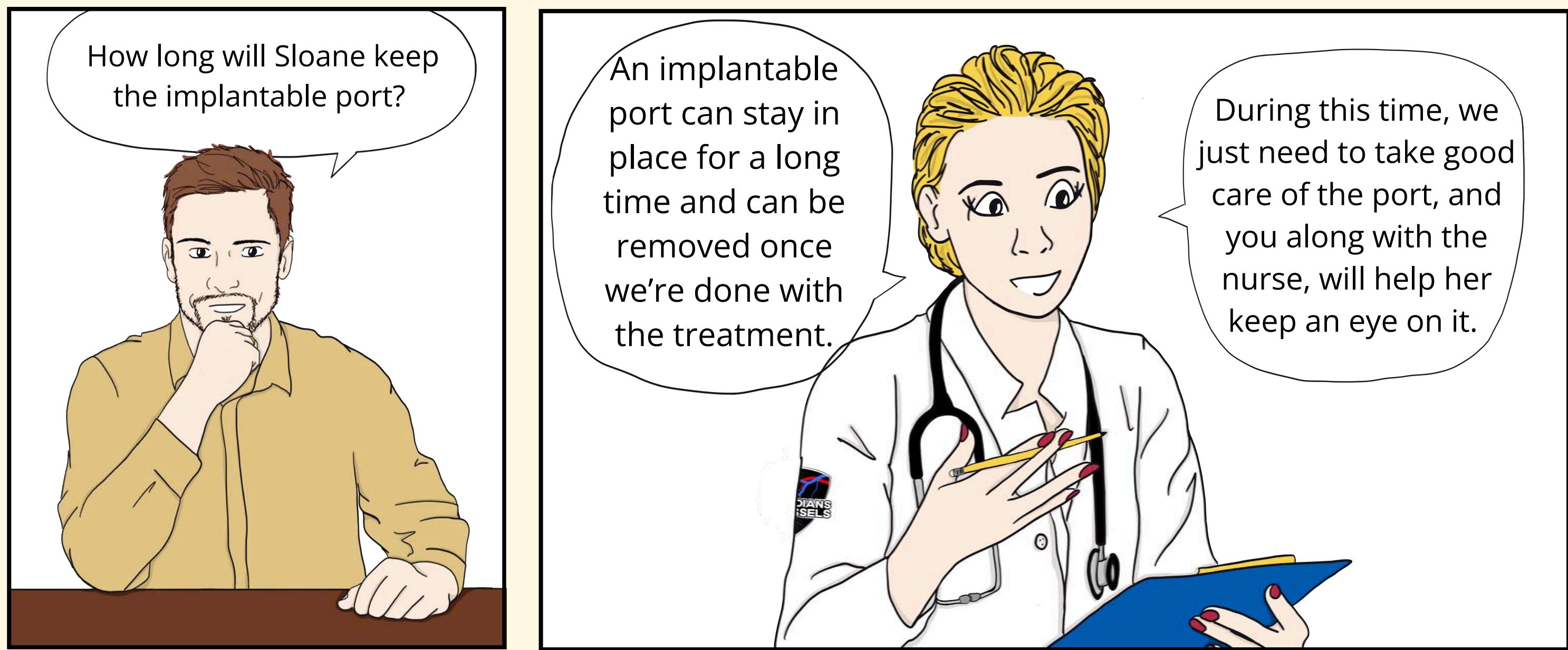


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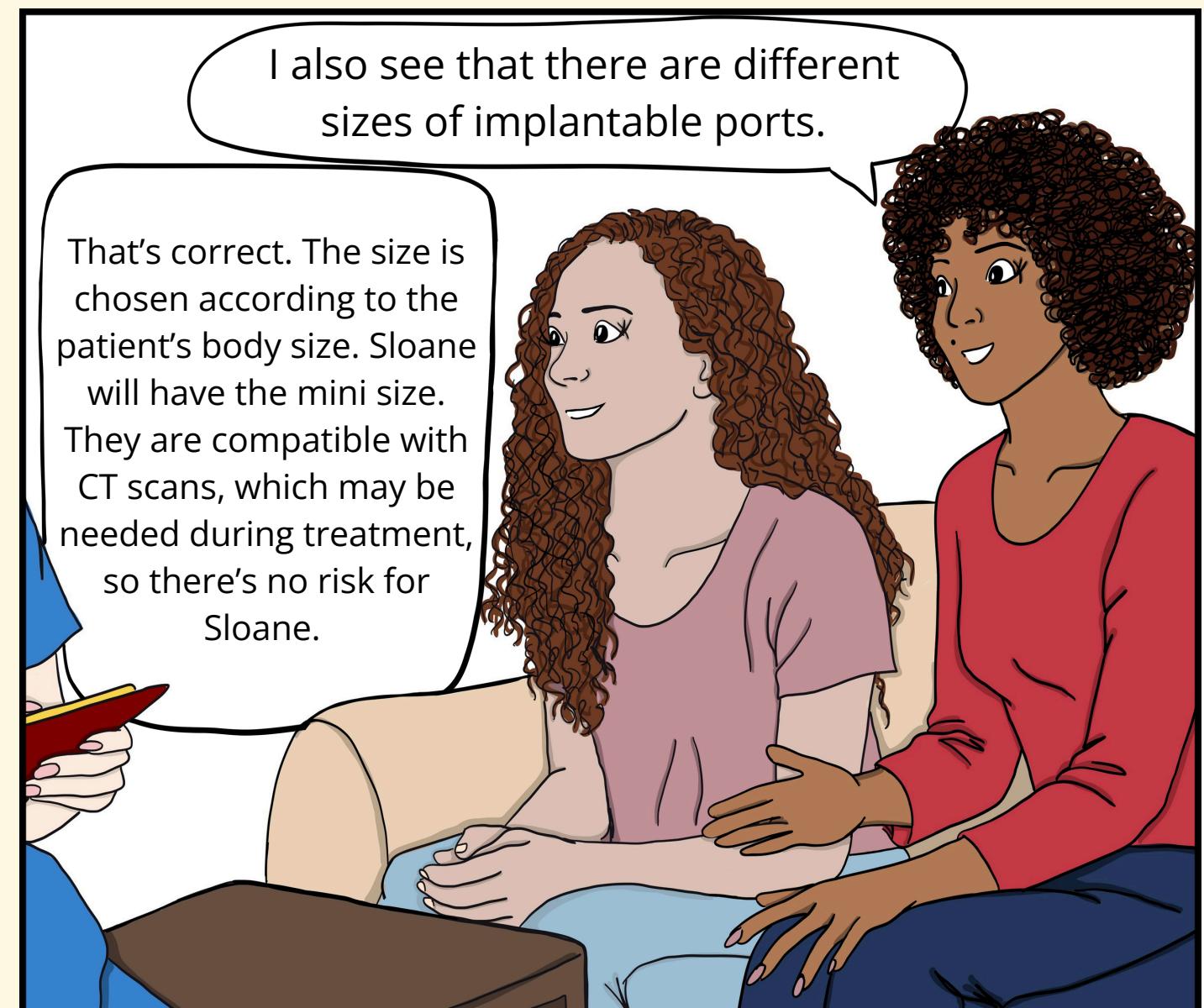
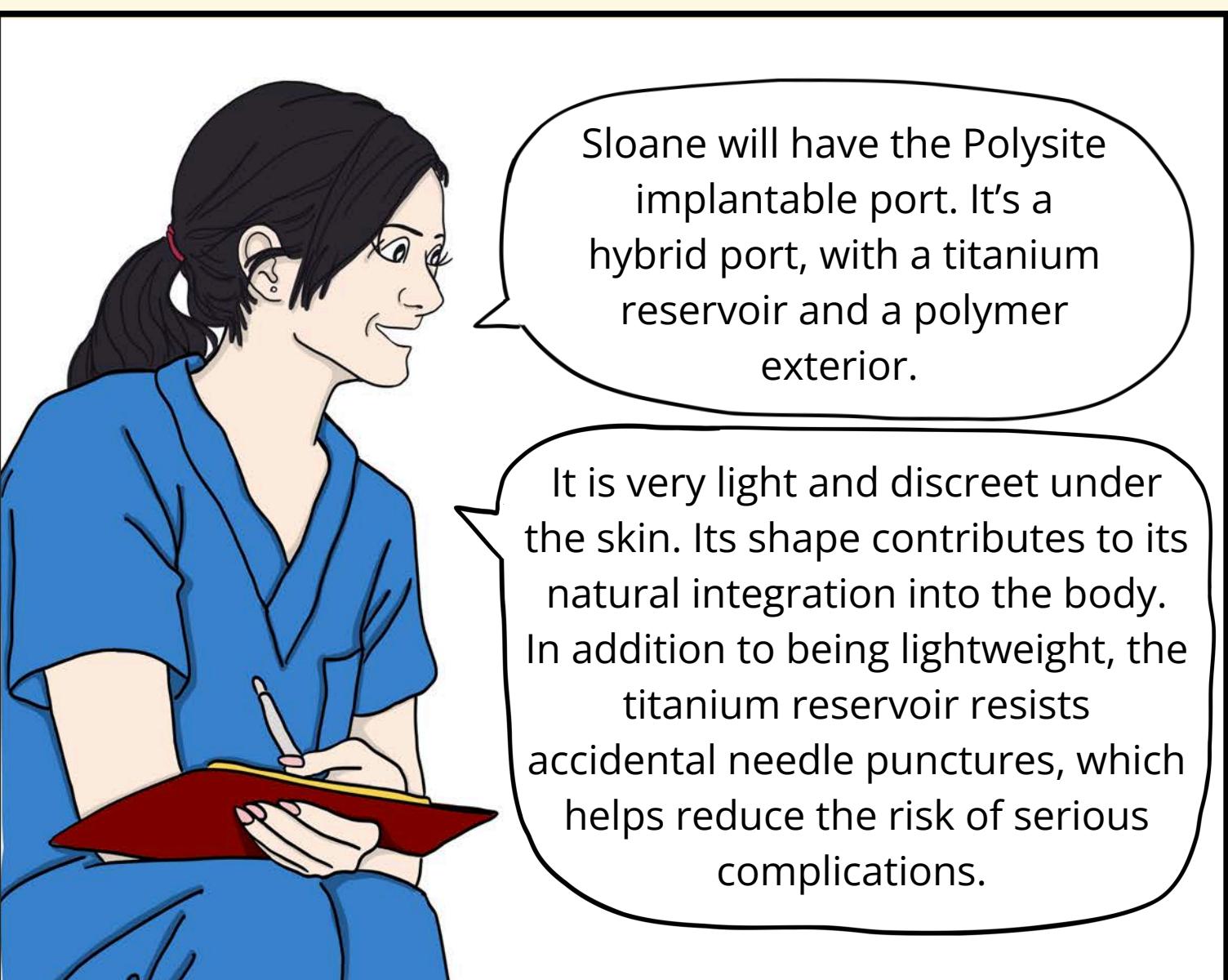
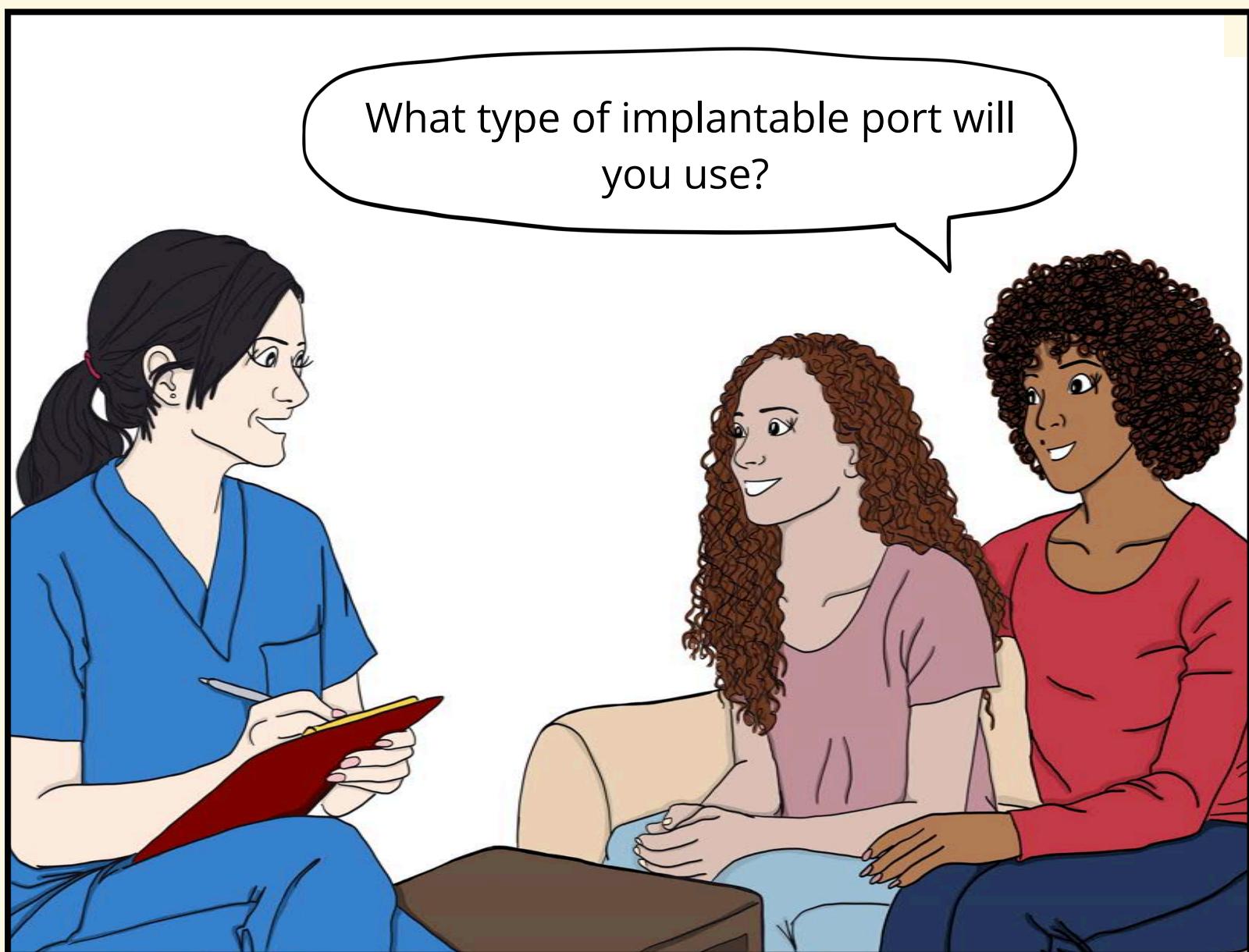
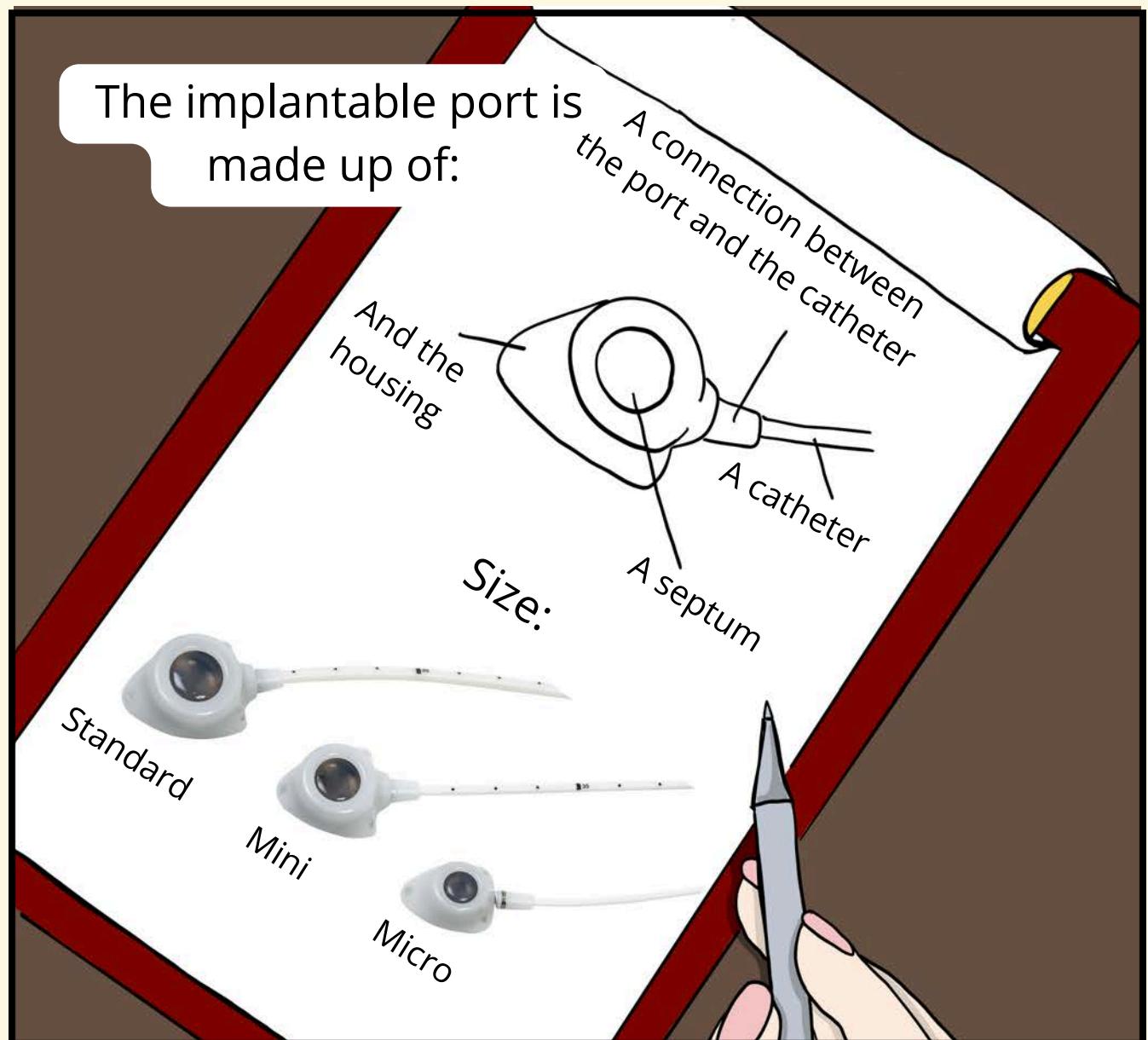
Chapter 1: Dr Hope brings hope!

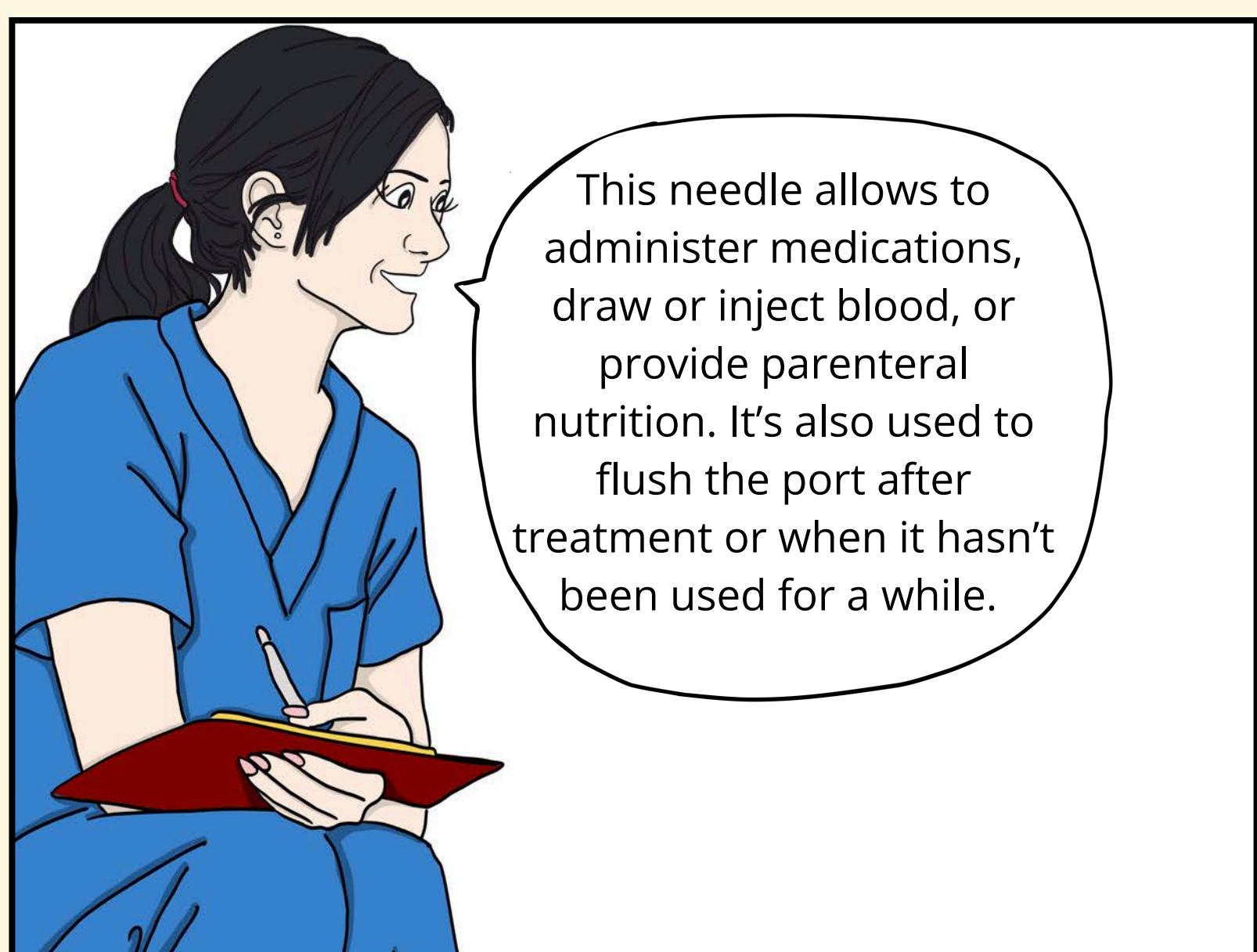
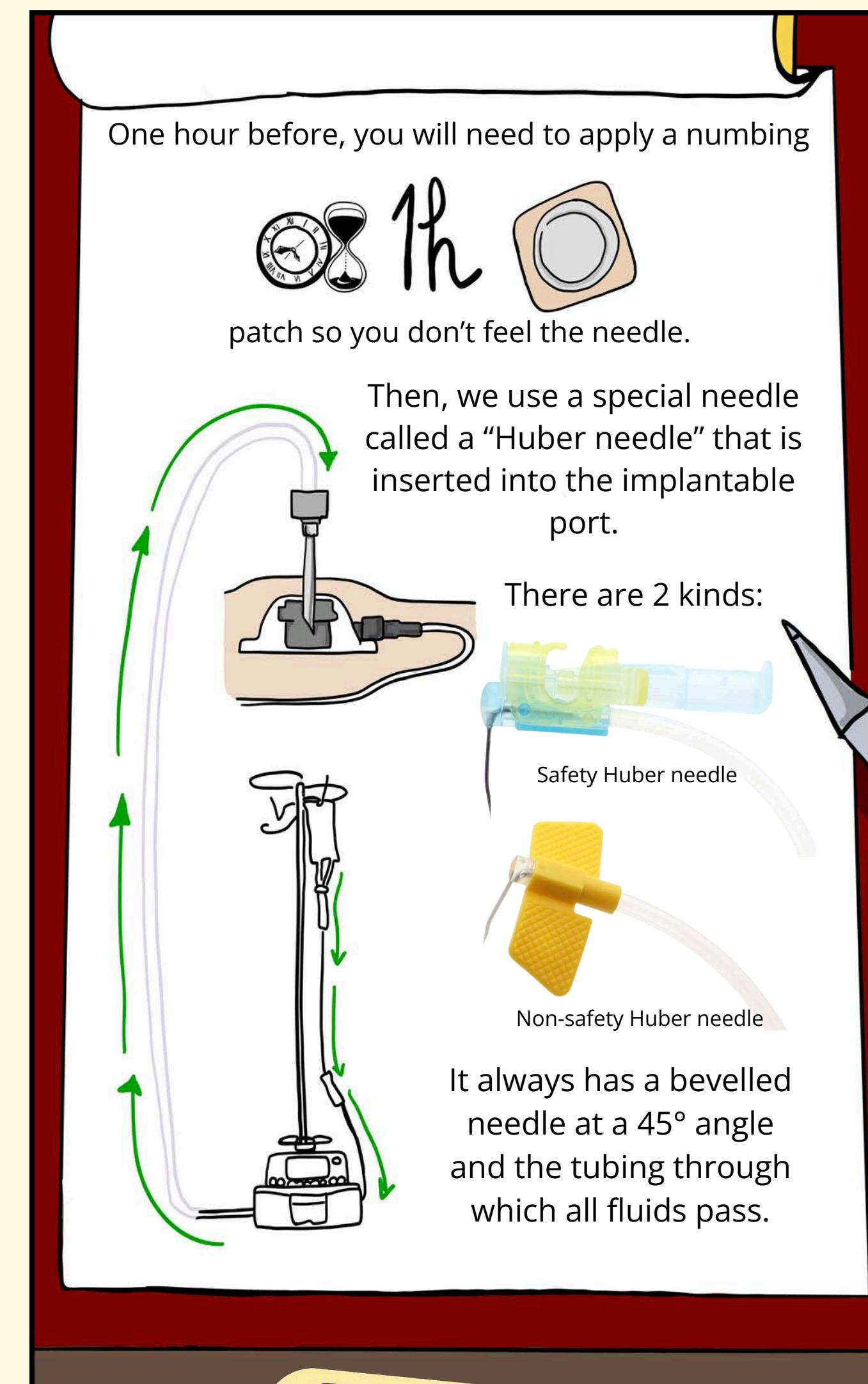
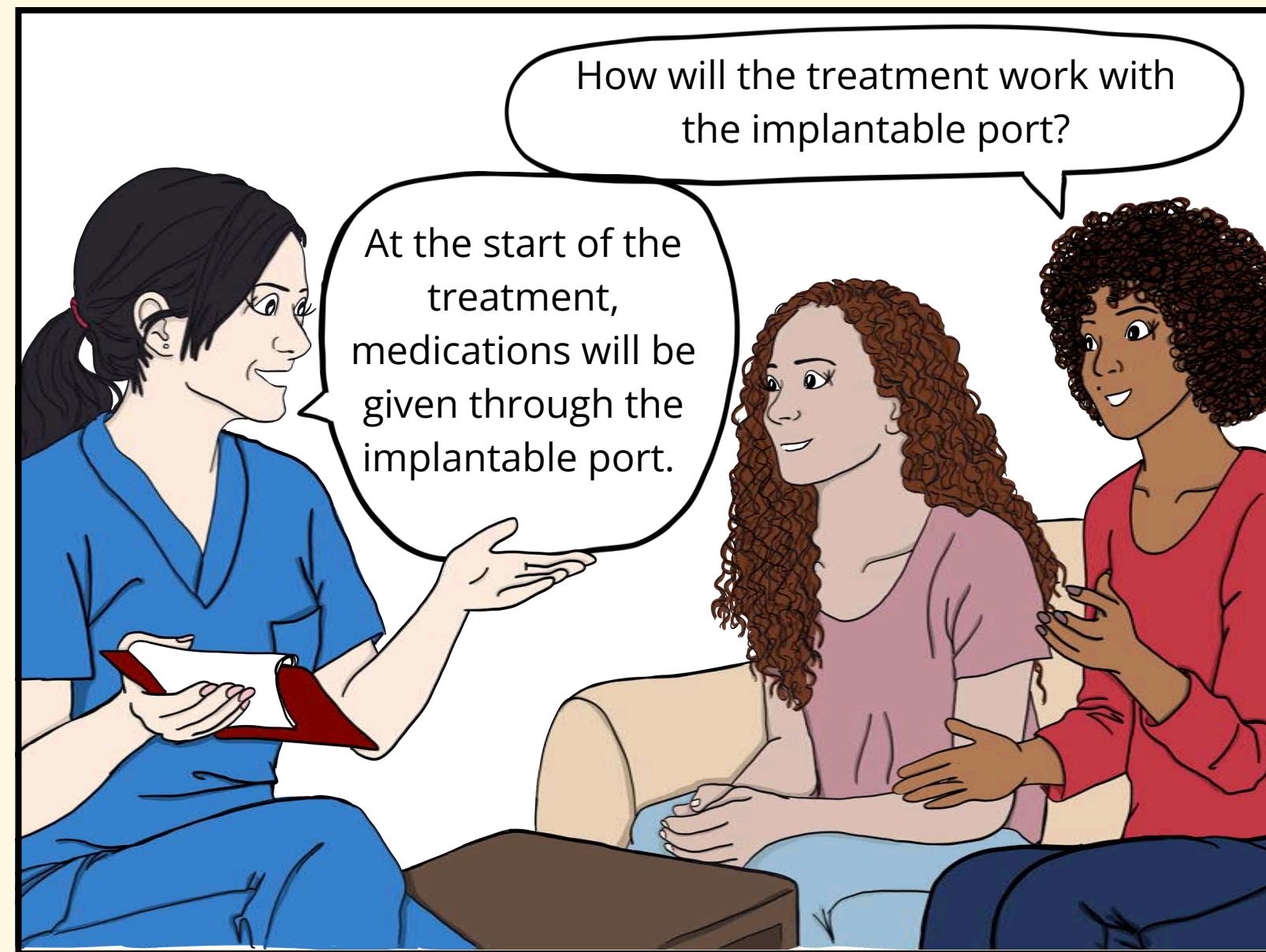




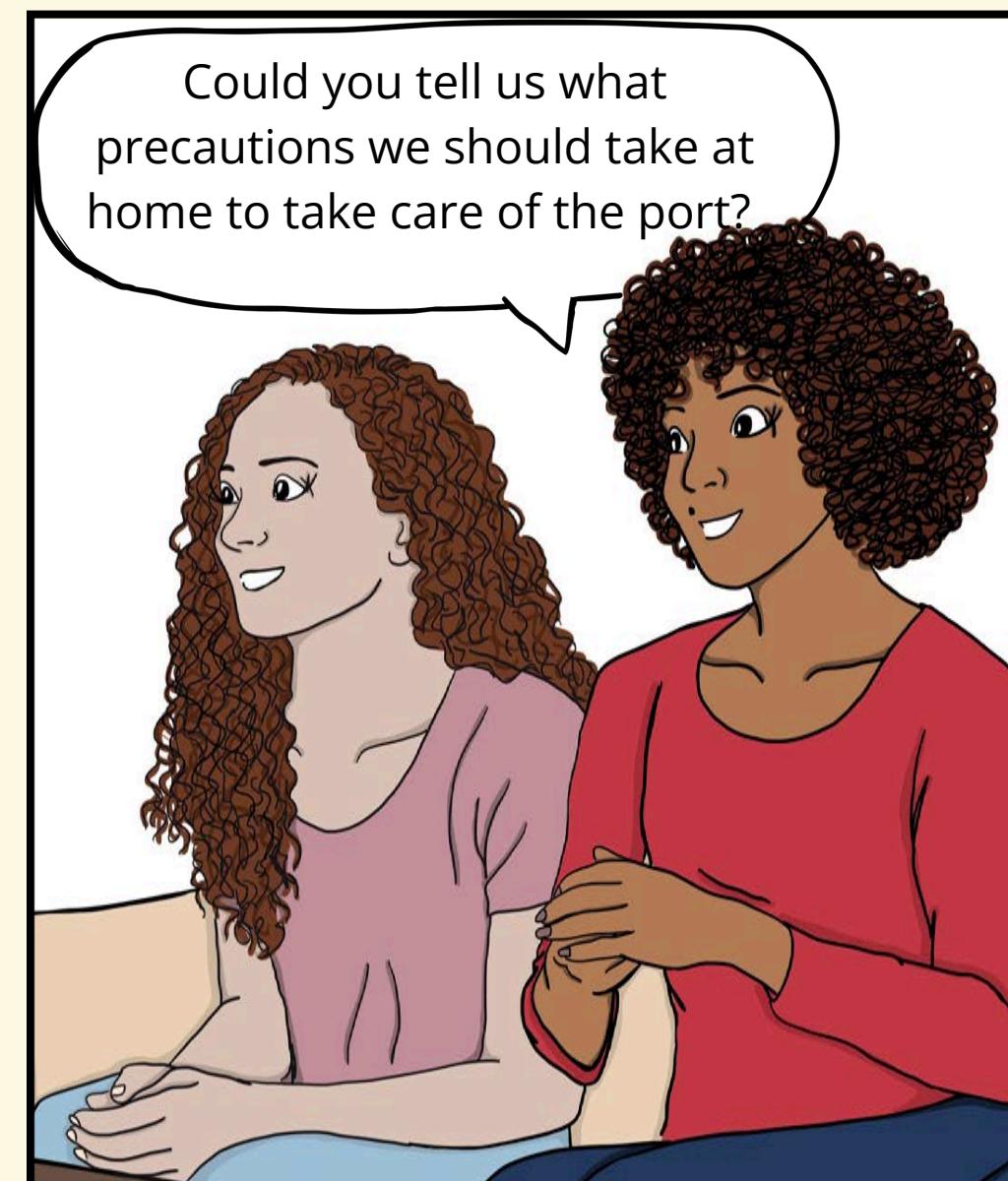
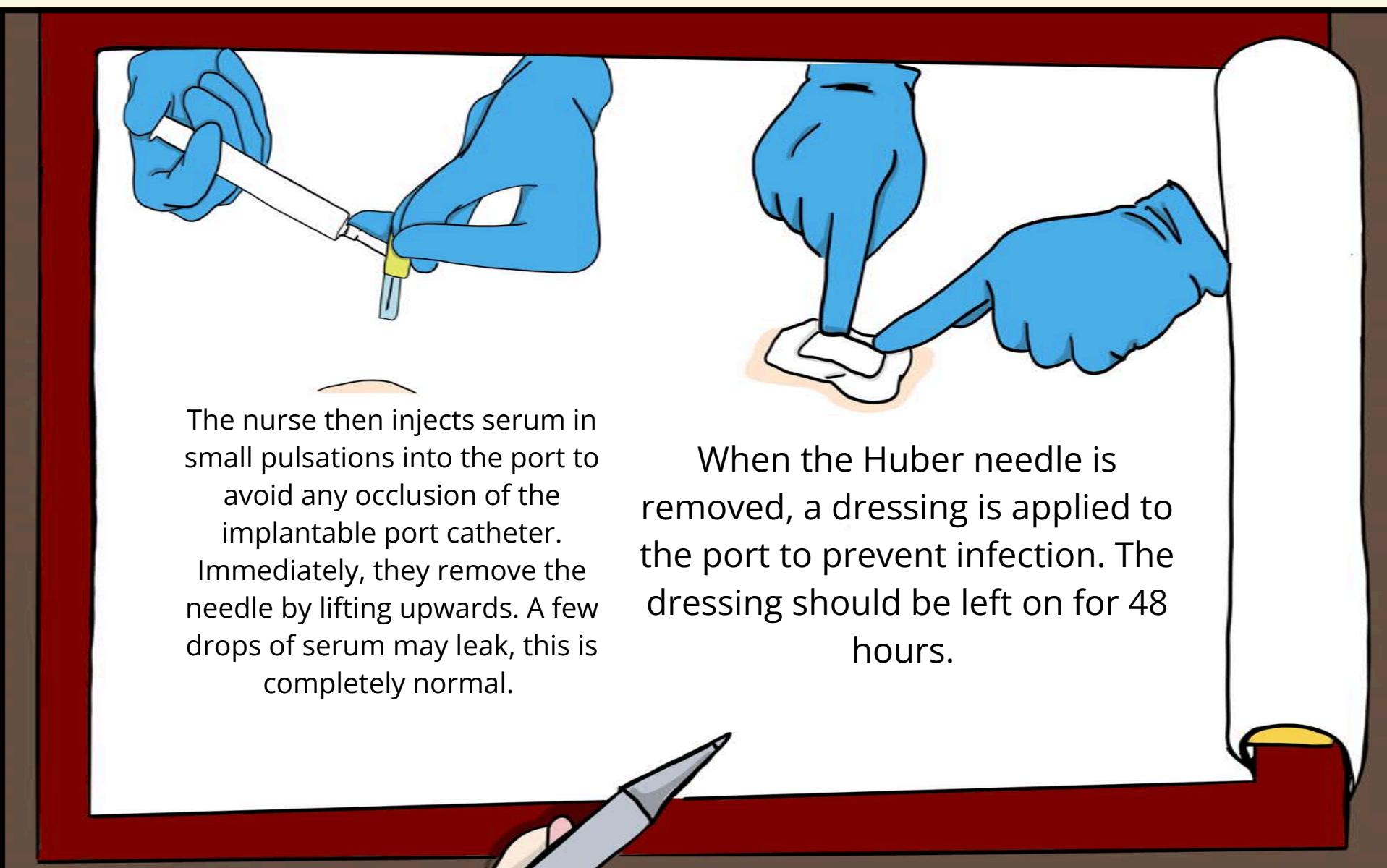
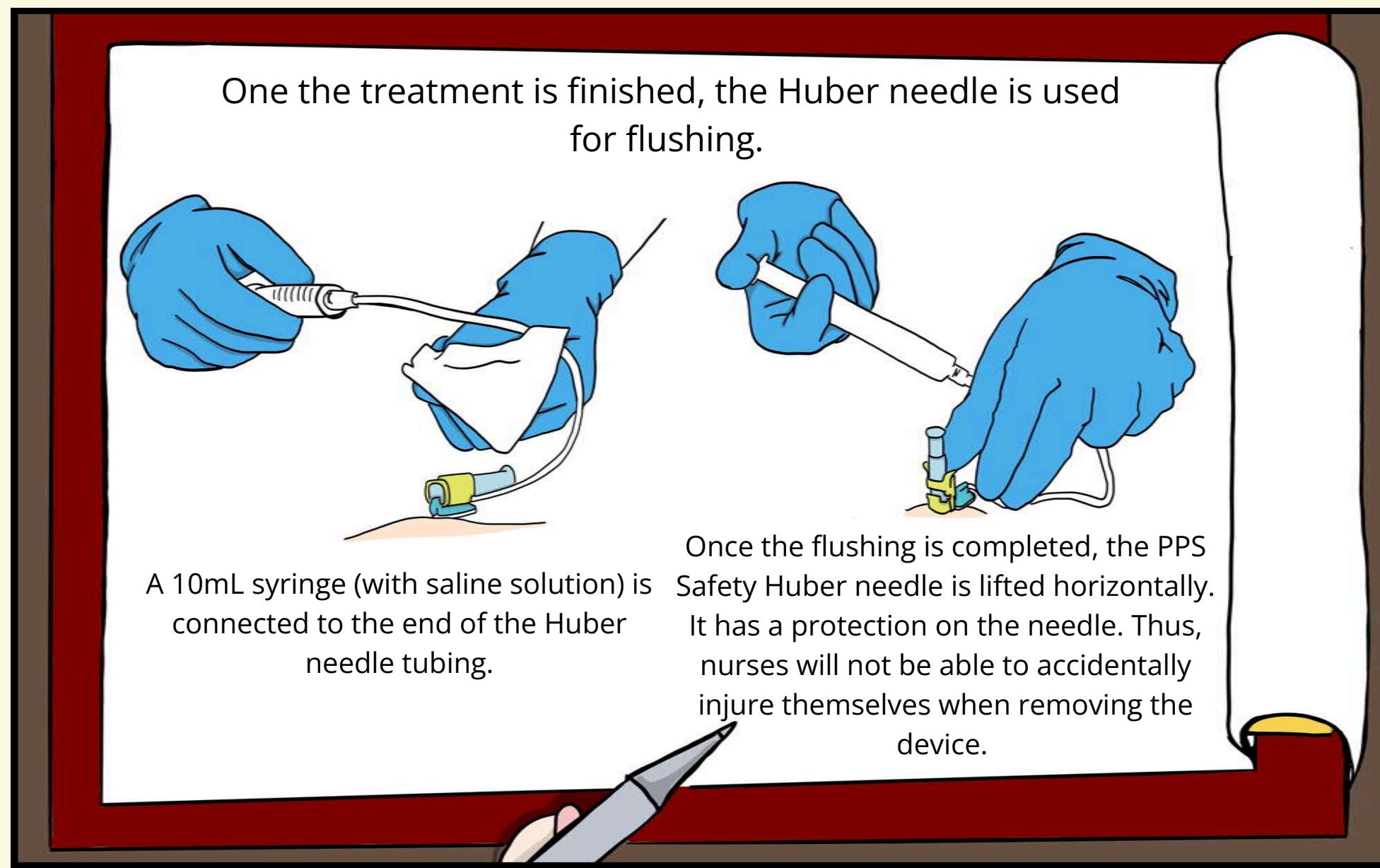
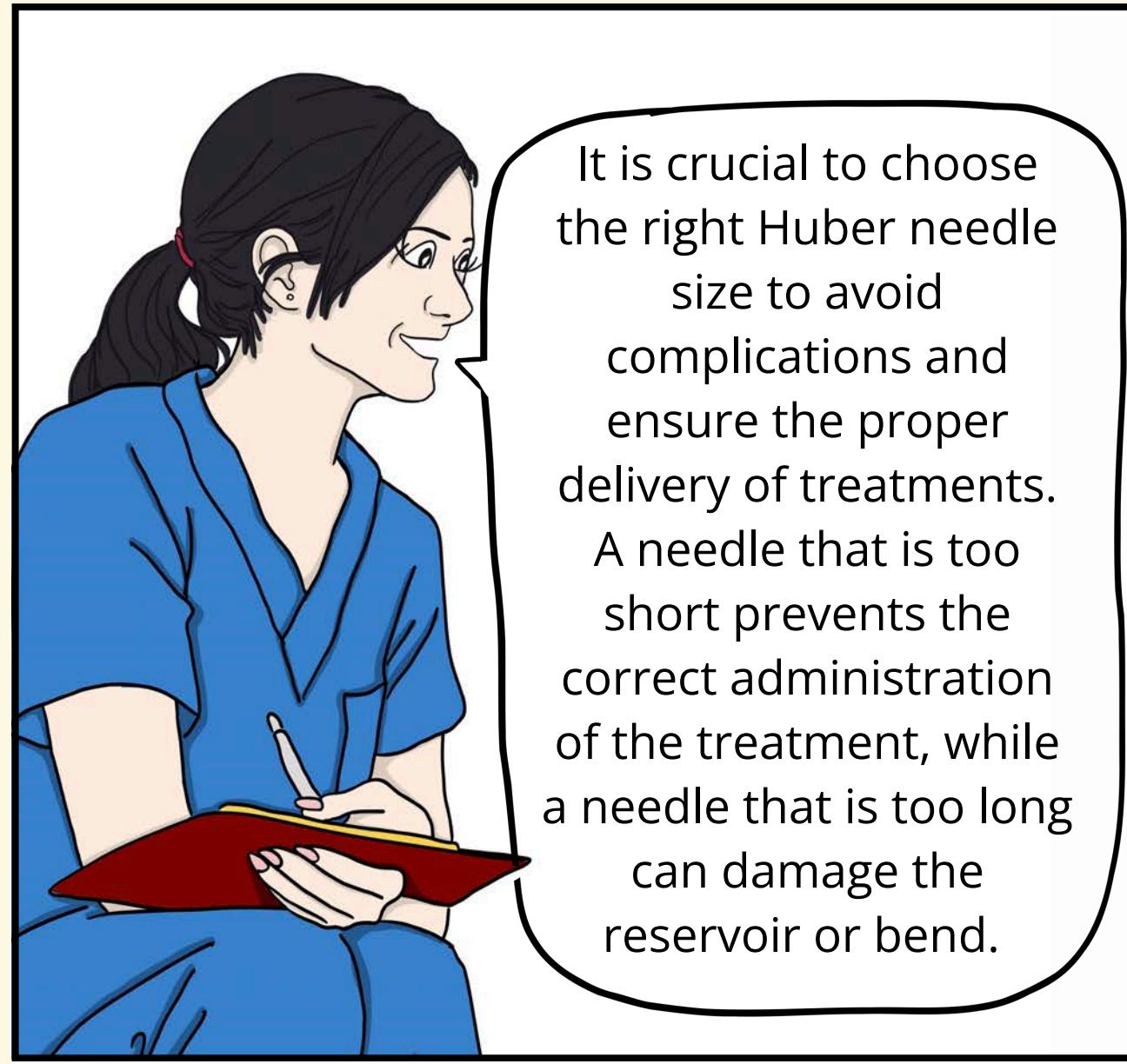
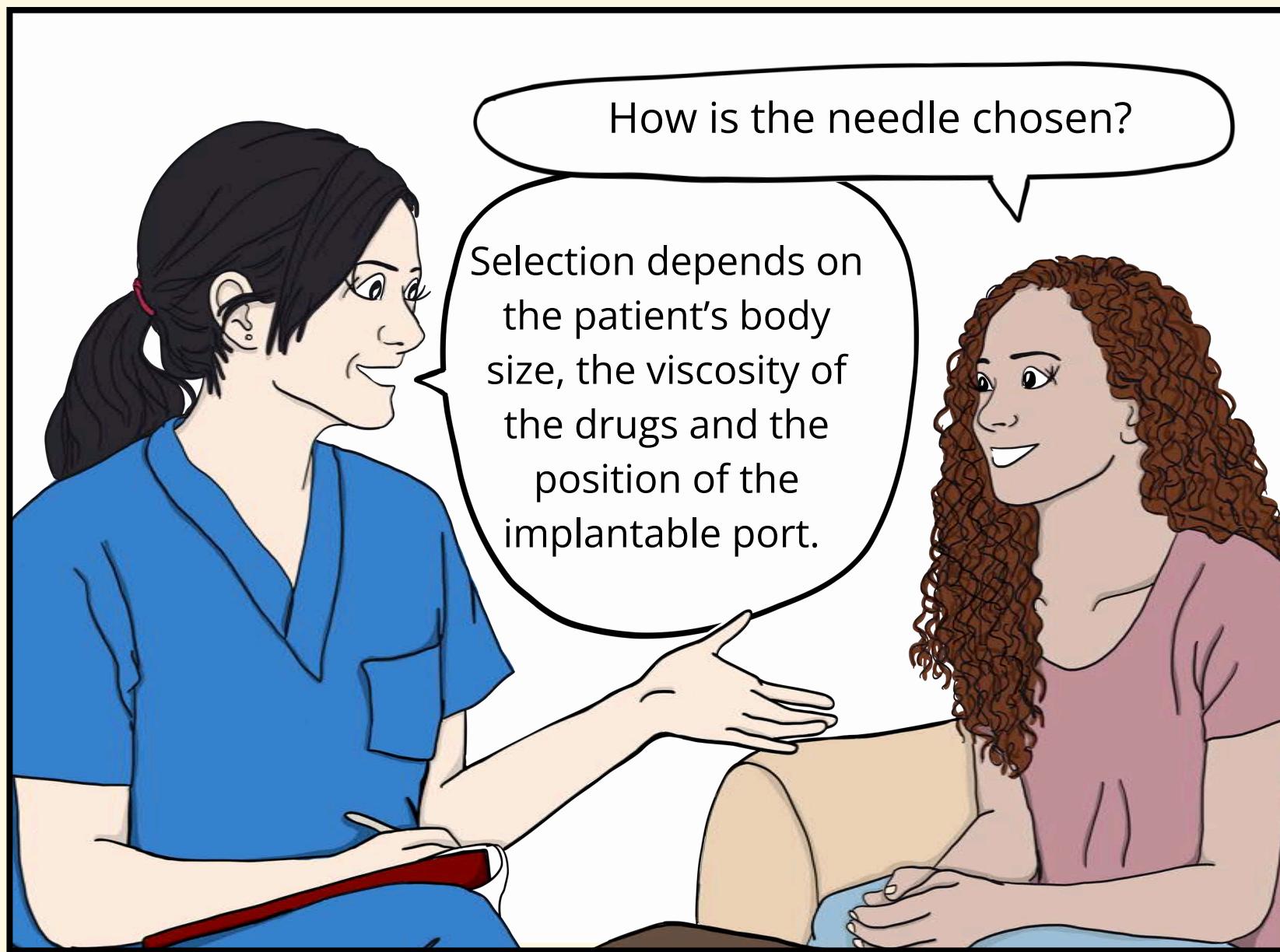


Chapter 2: Milla, the guardian angel





Find these memo cards at the end of the comic book!



Of course! You should check the port area every day. Look for redness or swelling.



We were planning to go on vacation to a beach area next month.

We are worried the port might bother Sloane and prevent her from enjoying the sea and the sun.



Don't worry, Sloane can enjoy her vacation!

The implantable port won't change Sloane's daily life, it's there to help her!



That's great news, Sloane! Is everything clear for you?



Yes, I understood everything!

1. My implantable port is placed on my chest;
2. To access it, the nurse uses a Huber needle;
3. And finally, I can do all activities I want while taking care of my scar!

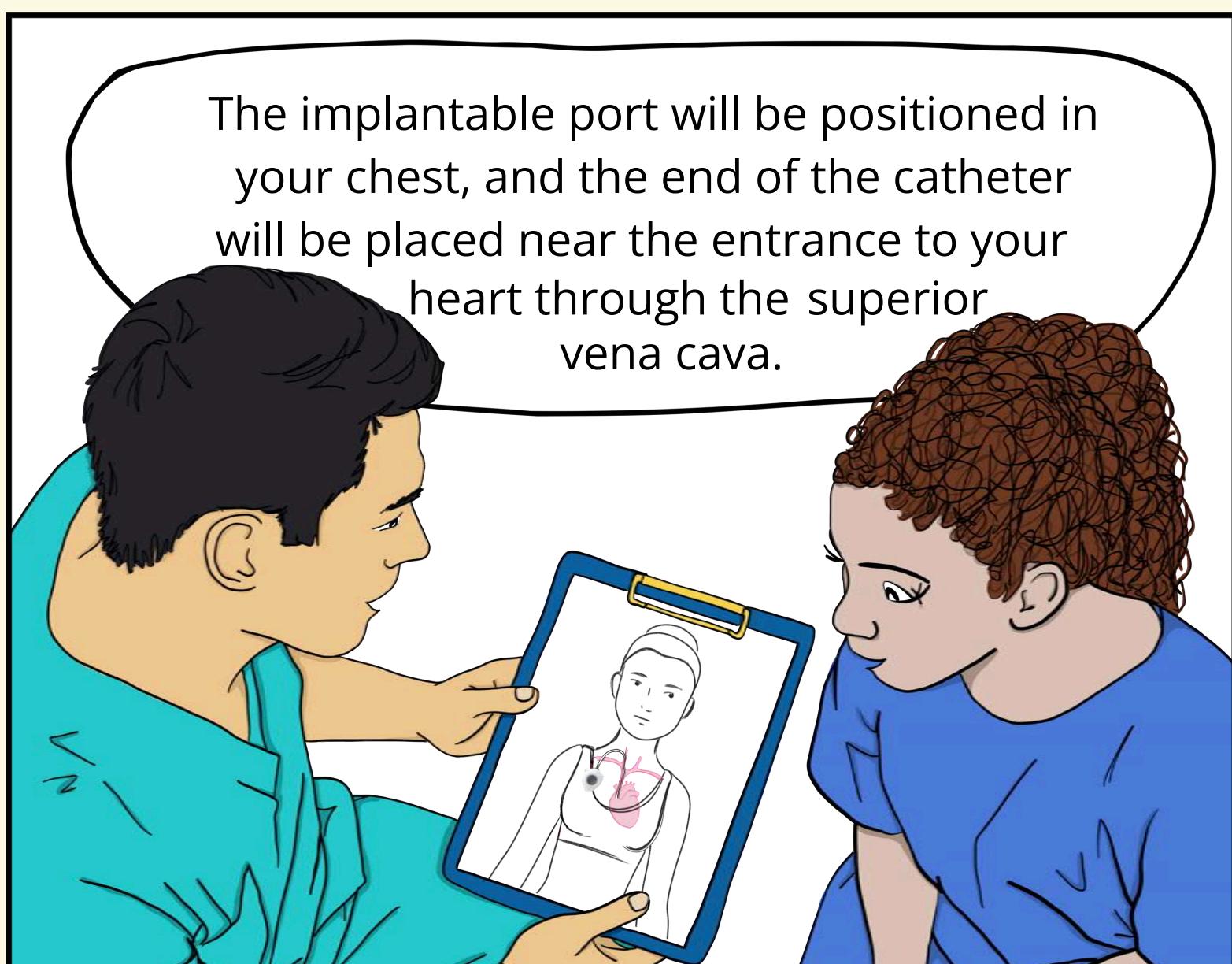
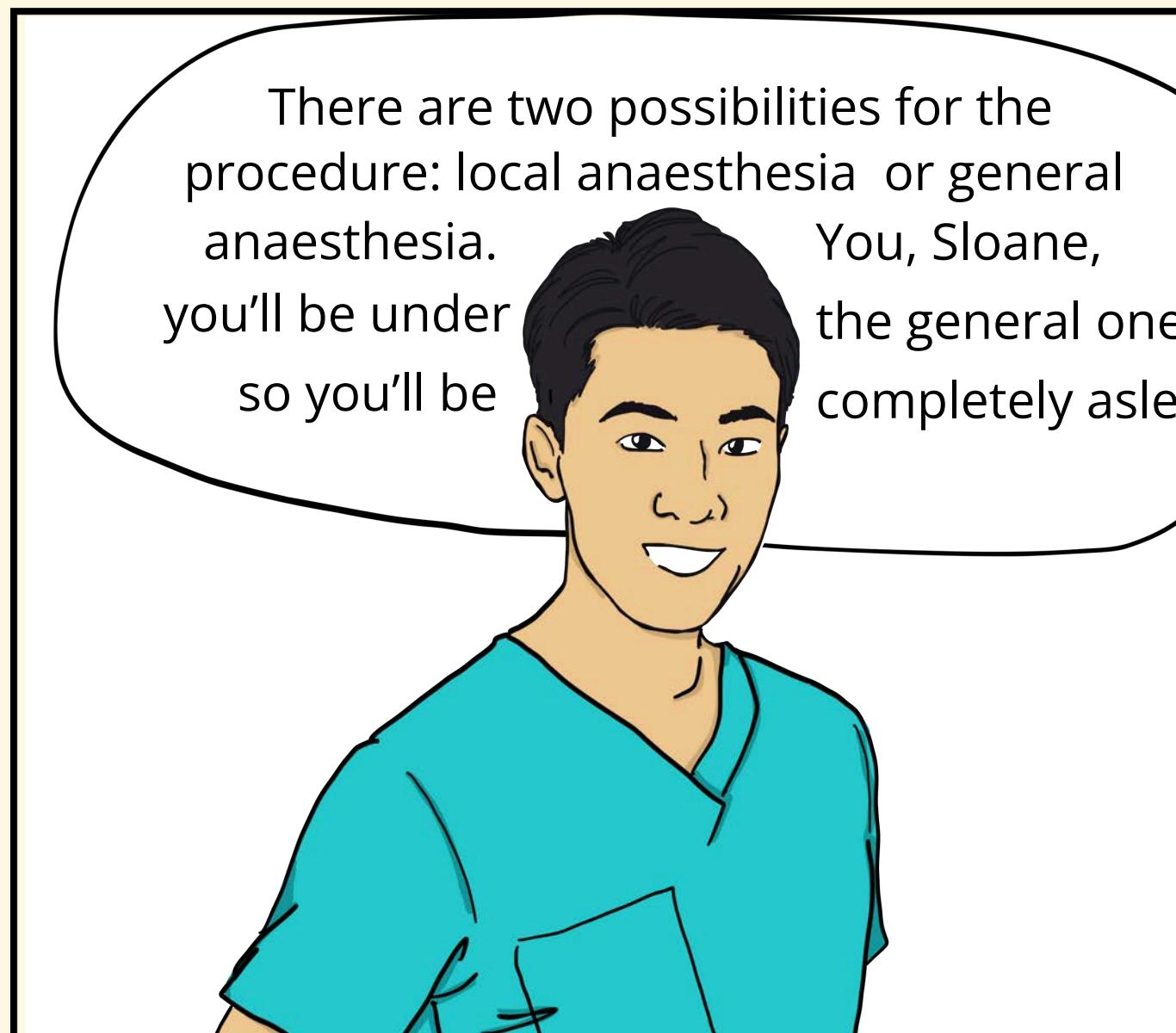
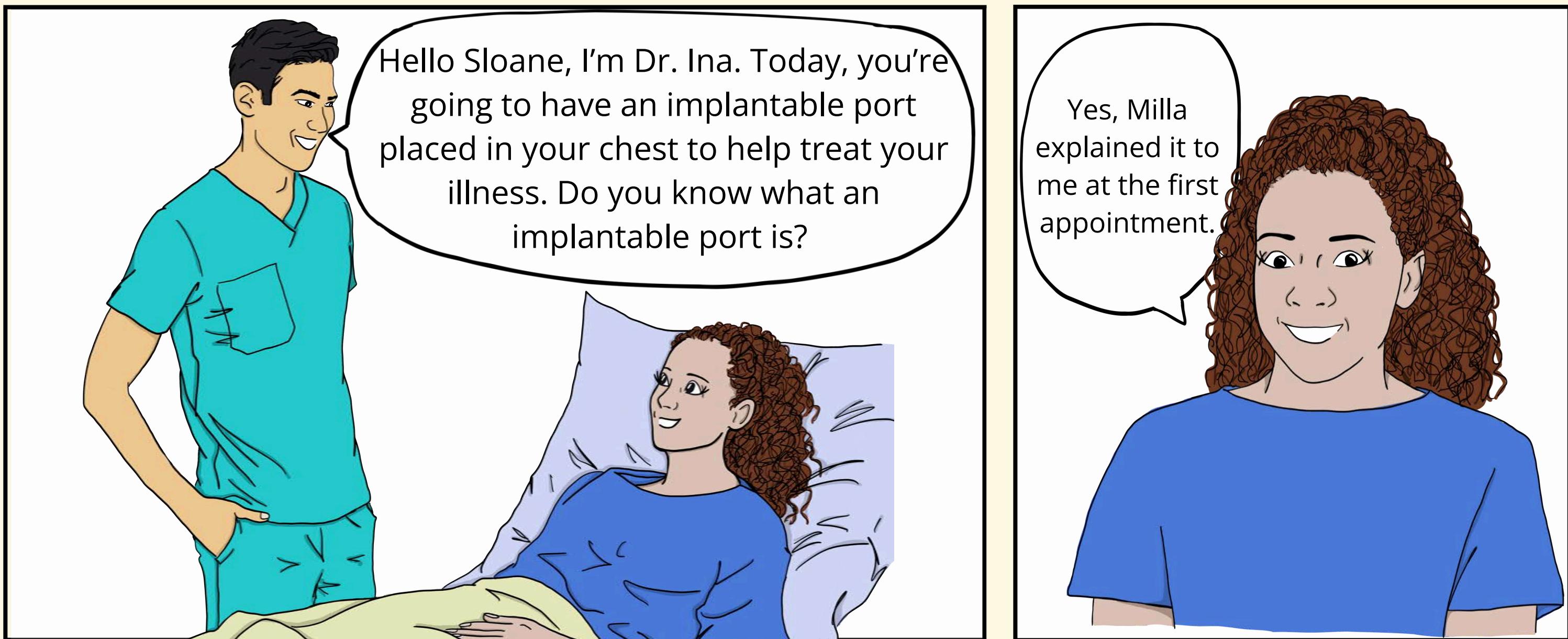


Perfect! If you have any other question or need assistance, don't hesitate to ask, I'm here for you. You should have received an information guide with all the details you need to take care of your implantable port. See you soon, Sloane!

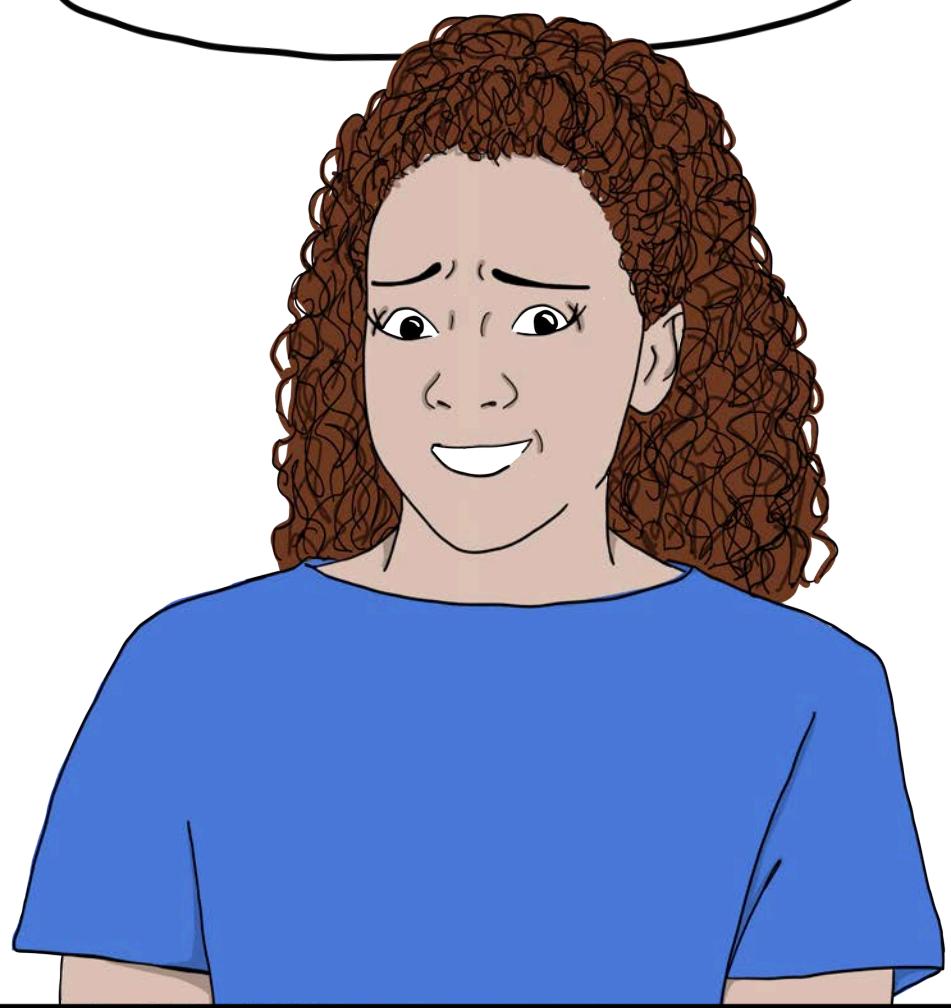


Thank you so much, Milla!

Chapter 3: The operation



Milla told me I'll have a scar.

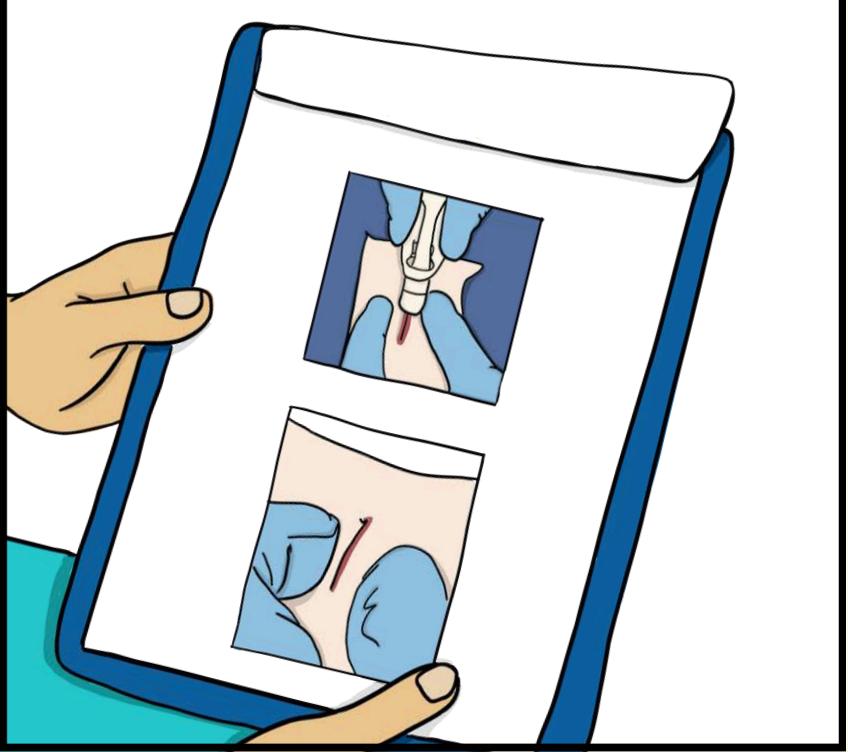


That's right, you'll have a small scar. I'll make two incisions: one for the catheter and one for the implantable port.

Both scars will be discreet.



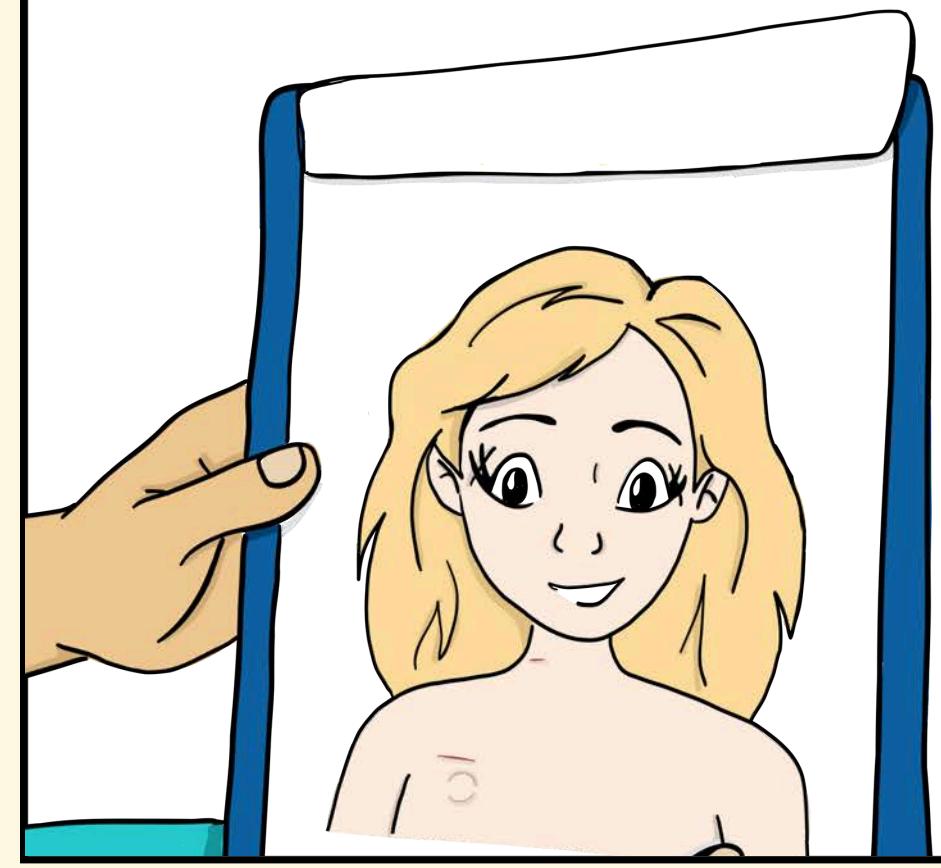
I'll use glue for your scar. Don't touch it for the first 15 days. After that, the glue will come off on its own.



Will my implantable port be very visible?



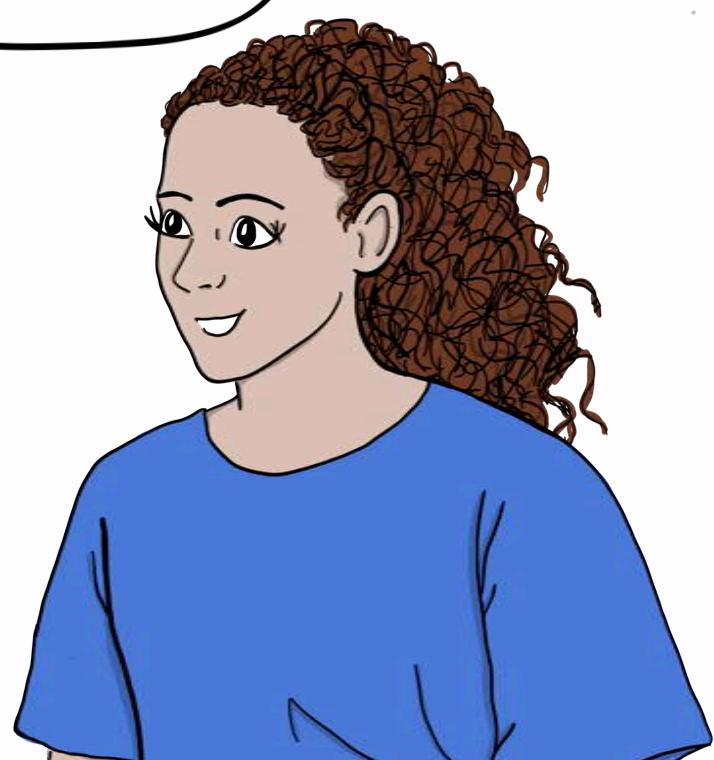
No, look, it will barely be noticeable under your skin. Plus, this model has rounded edges, so it will be very discreet.



It doesn't take very long, about half an hour.

How long does the operation take?

Are you ready?



Yes, I'm ready!



Chapter 4: The first chemotherapy session

Hello everyone! Sloane, are you ready for your first session with your implantable port?



I think so. I applied the numbing cream on my port. Will it hurt?



No, you'll see it's much more comfortable than regular injections especially since you applied the cream well.



Okay, here we go. Just breathe gently.



Yes, you did great! Now your treatment will go through the implantable port. In the meantime, you can listen to music, read, watch a show or just relax.

Is it already done?



Yay! I'm going to watch my favorite TV show.



Epilogue: Holidays at the beach

You know you can ask me questions.

Does it hurt?

No, it doesn't hurt at all!

Really? It doesn't bother you?

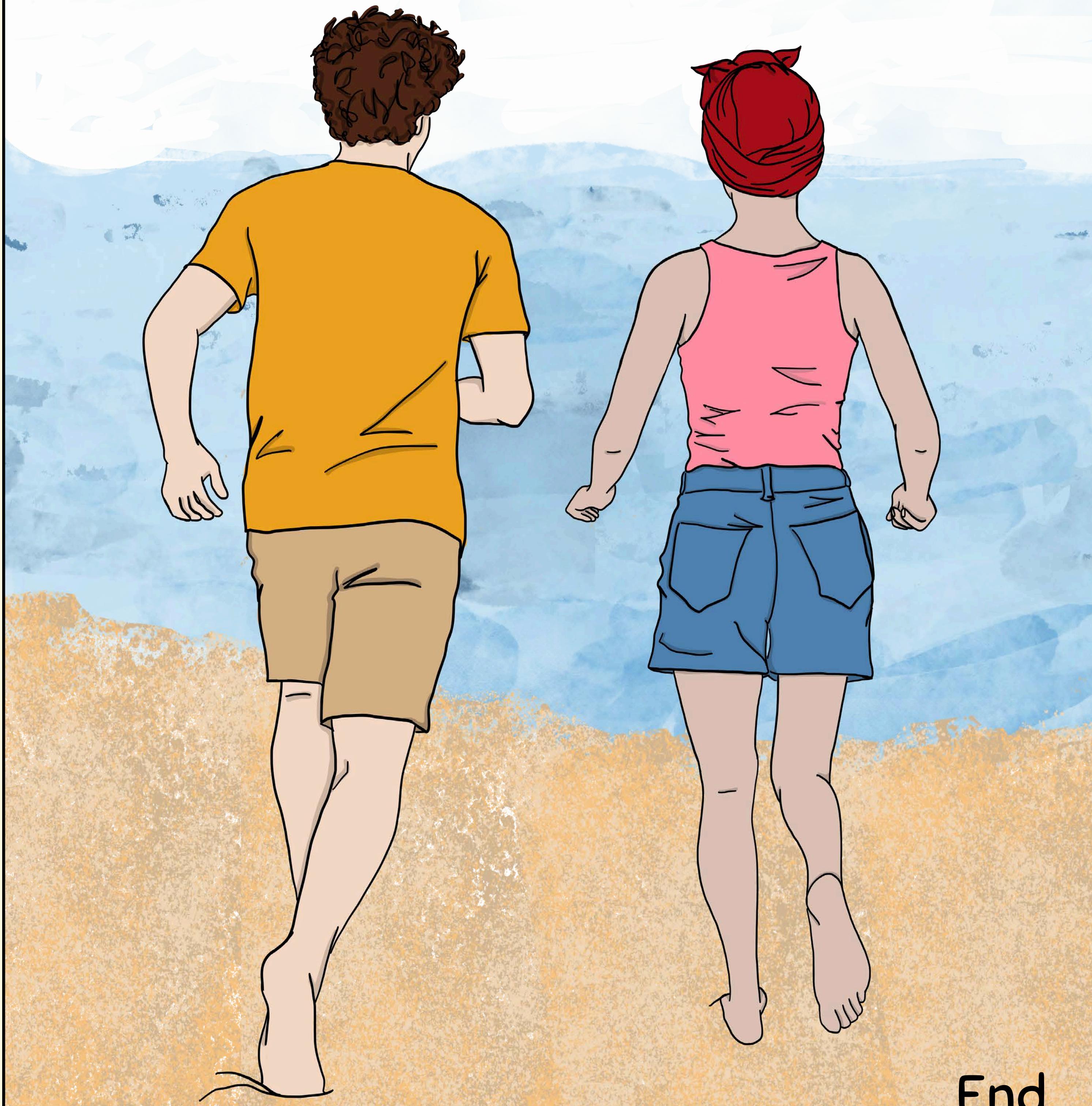
No, I don't even feel it.

Can you go in the water with that?

Yes, I don't have a dressing, so no problem!

I was worried about you. I thought it would be complicated...

Not at all. The implantable port helps me get better, but it doesn't impact my life!



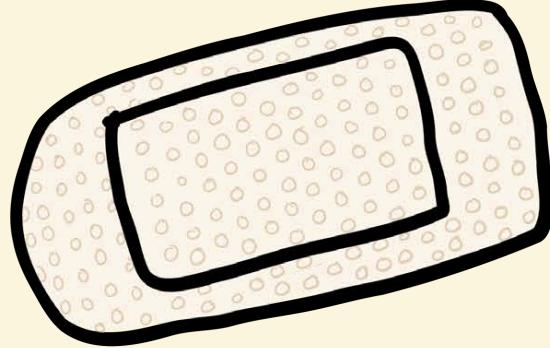
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Memo Card

POST OPERATIVE

After the implantable port insertion, I will have either:

a dressing



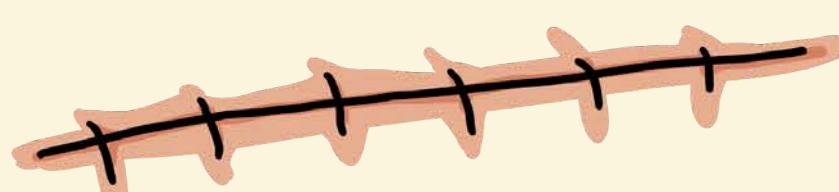
that I keep



I do not wet the dressing



glue



it will go away after



no pool



no bath



To ensure proper healing, I avoid carrying heavy loads and repetitive movements



Memo Card

Chemotherapy

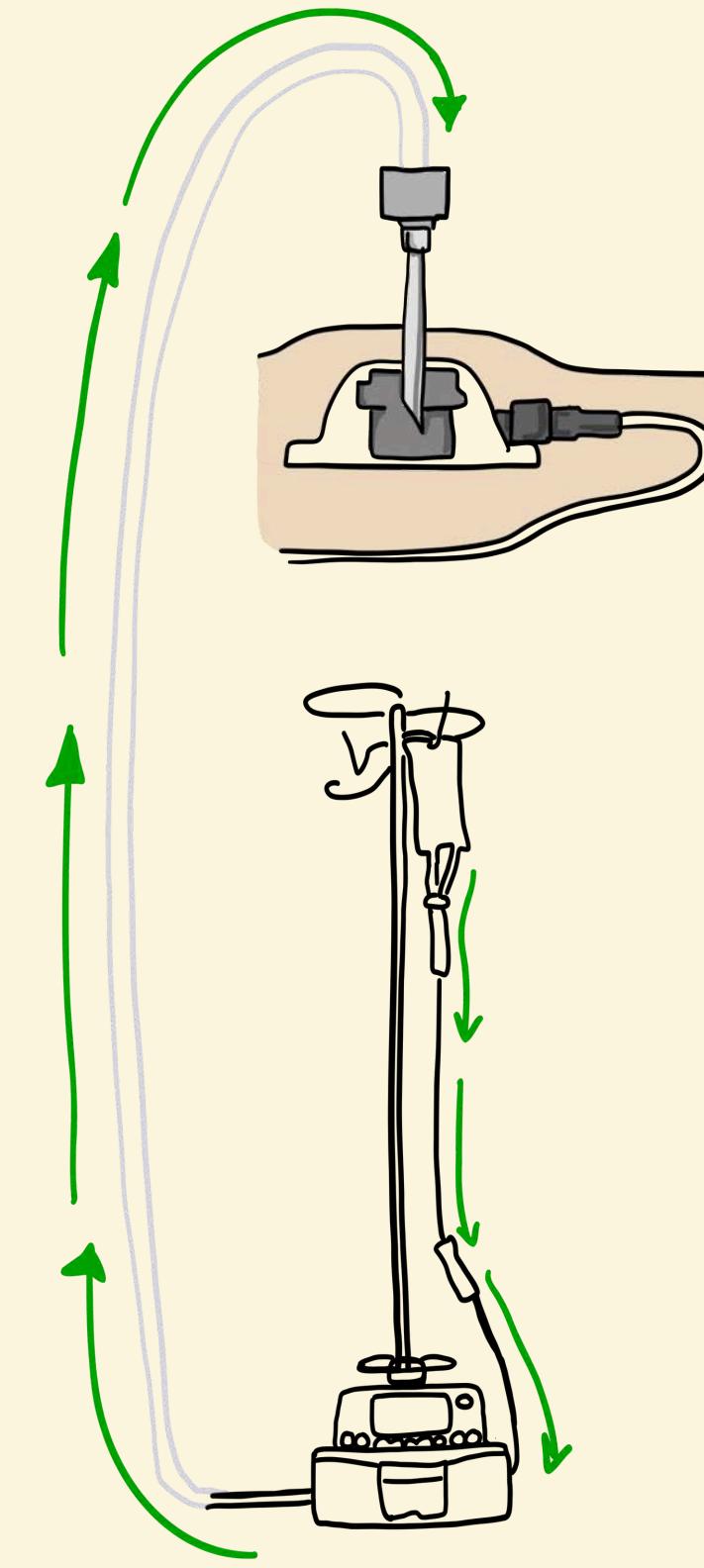
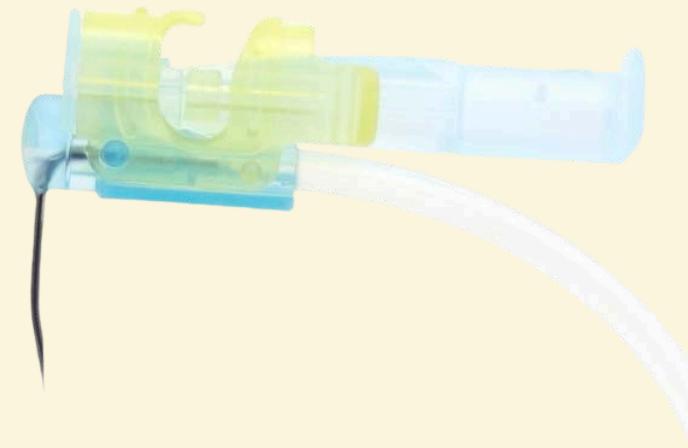
One hour before chemotherapy, I apply an anaesthetic patch to the implantable port.



Non-safety Huber needle

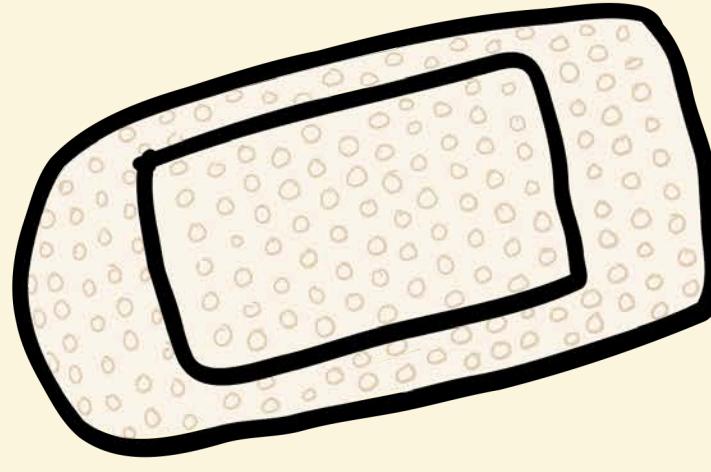


Safety Huber needle



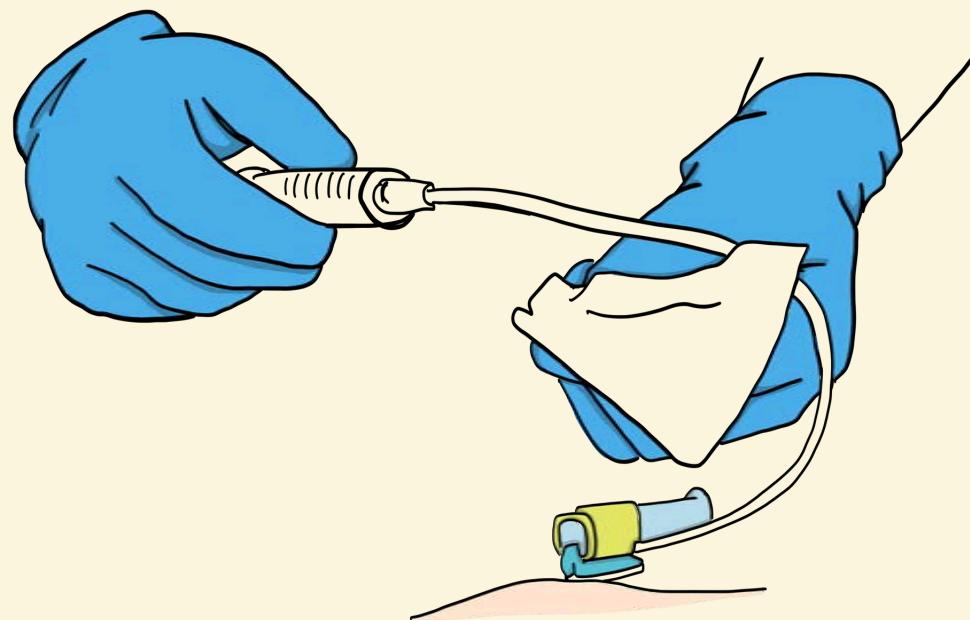
The Huber needle is inserted into the implantable port. Treatments are administered via the port.

1 hour after chemotherapy, I keep the dressing on.



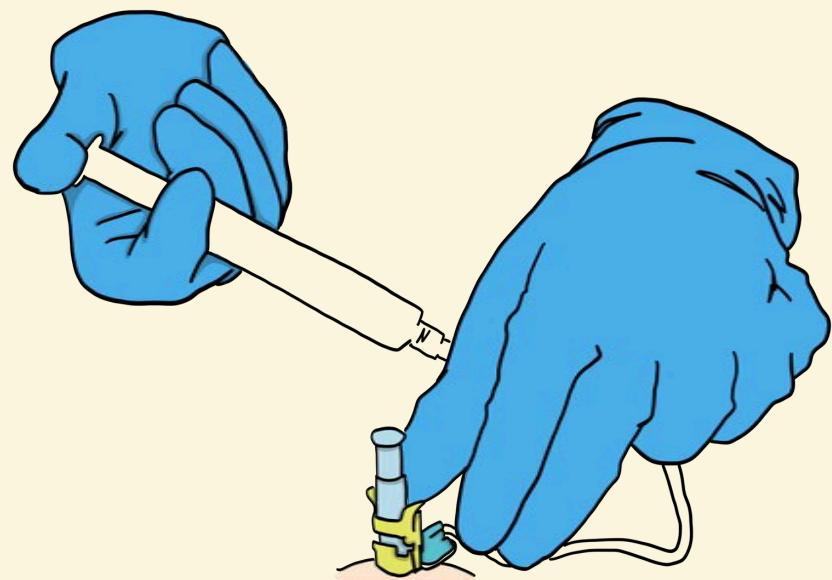
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Huber needle removal



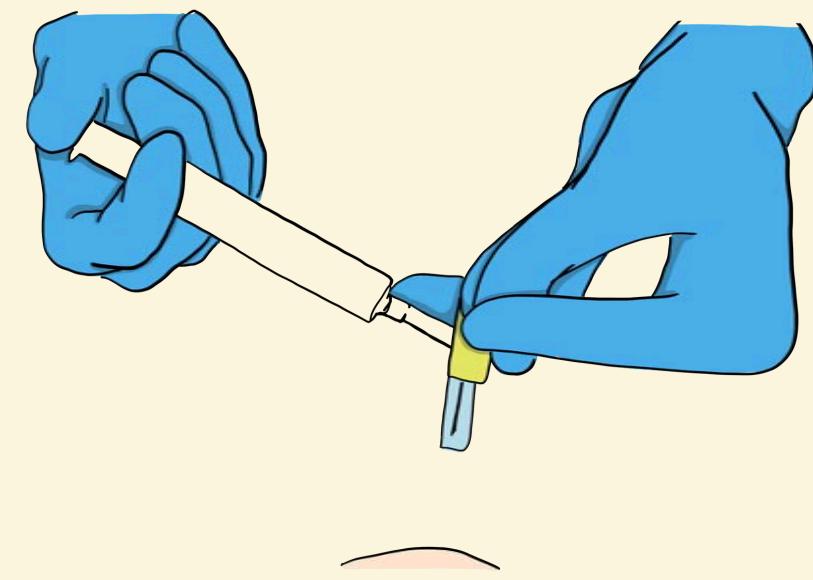
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A 10mL syringe (with saline solution) is connected to the end of the Huber needle tubing.



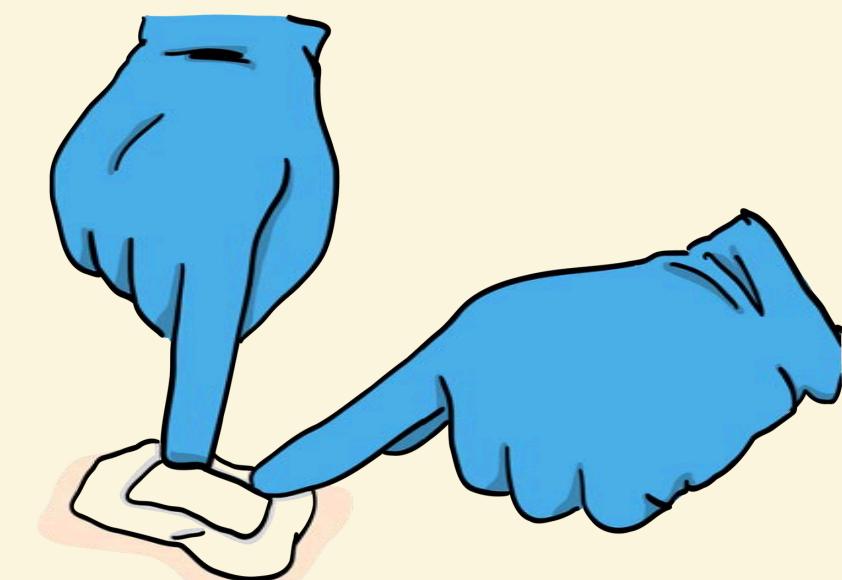
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Once we're done with rinsing, the PPS Safety Huber needle is lifted horizontally. It has a protection on the needle. Thus, nurses will not be able to accidentally injure themselves when removing the device.



3

Then the needle is extracted from the implantable port with a smooth upward movement.



4

When the Huber needle is removed, a dressing is applied to the port to prevent infection. The dressing should be left on for 48 hours.