

#### Information for carers:

# NIKI T34<sup>TM</sup>, T34<sup>TM</sup> and BODYGUARD<sup>TM</sup> T syringe pumps

Syringe pumps deliver medicines under the skin at a steady rate throughout the day and night.



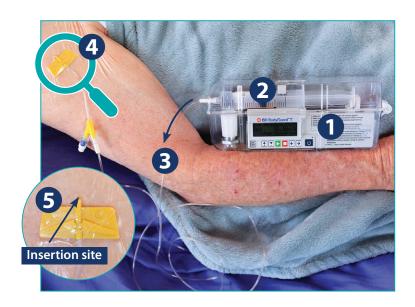
#### Why is a syringe pump used?

A syringe pump is a safe, reliable and painless way to deliver medicine to help manage symptoms such as pain.

The pumps are used when oral medicine is:

- Not able to be swallowed easily
- Unlikely to be absorbed well in the gut.

### How does a syringe pump work?



The medicine is then absorbed into the body.

- 1. The syringe pump is a small battery-operated device.
- 2. Attached to the pump is a syringe containing medicine as prescribed by the doctor or nurse practitioner.
- 3. The medicine is pumped from the syringe through tubing.
- 4. The tubing is connected to a plastic cannula placed under the person's skin.
- 5. The place where the cannula enters the skin is called the insertion site.

## How you can help

#### Check the insertion site a few times a day

- · Contact your nurse if you notice:
  - Swelling
  - Tenderness
  - Redness
  - Leakage around the insertion site
  - The cannula has come out of the skin
  - The clear waterproof dressing is not holding the cannula in place

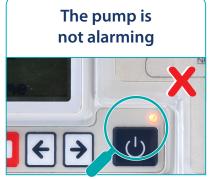
#### Check the pump a few times a day



You do not need to check the pump overnight.

· Make sure:









Contact your nurse if you have any concerns.

#### Remember



Keep the syringe pump in a locked box to protect it.



A pouch or holster can be used to carry the pump if the person is moving around.



The pump is not waterproof.

# If you need help



Service name:

