Comfort position guide

Children’s Comfort Promise
We will do everything possible to prevent and treat pain.
For needle procedures, that means:

**Numb the skin**

4% lidocaine cream

- No age restrictions, including infants
- 30 minutes for effect, shorter with warm packs
- Can stay on for two hours, works for one hour after removed

**J-tips**

- When there is no time to wait
- Children must be older than six months

**Sucrose or breastfeeding** *(0-12 months)*

**Sucrose**

- 2 minutes before, lasts 4 minutes
- May repeat as needed
- Just a few drops on pacifier or inside cheek
- It is the detection of sweet, not amount that triggers the effect

**Breast feeding**

- Start 2-5 minutes before procedure
- Continue during procedure

**Comfort positioning**

- Swaddling for infants 0-6 months
- Upright is best for children older than 6 months
- Parent or caregiver holding or close by
Infant (0-6 months)

- Use 4% lidocaine cream 20-30 minutes before
- Sucrose or breastfeeding 2 minutes before
- Swaddle (leave out limb for procedure)
- Parent holding whenever possible
Infant (0-6 months)

- Use 4% lidocaine cream 20-30 minutes before
- Sucrose or breast feeding 2 minutes before
- Chest to chest
- Swaddled, cuddled and warm
- Gentle patting, soothing voice
**Infants** (0-12 months)

- Use 4% lidocaine cream 20-30 minutes before
- Sucrose 2 minutes before
- Swaddled or cuddled and warm
- Held by parent
Infants (0-12 months)

- 4% lidocaine 20-30 minutes before
- Breast feeding 2-5 minutes before and during
- Swaddled, held by parent
- Calm, rhythmic voice or sounds
Infant (6-12 Months)

- 4% lidocaine 20-30 minutes before
- Sucrose 2 minutes before
- Chest to chest
- Engaged with Shaker vibration
Infant (6-12 Months)

- 4% lidocaine 20-30 minutes before
- Sucrose 2 minutes before
- Back to chest
- Shaker sound and vibration sooth and engage
Toddler/Preschool (1-5 years)

- 4% Lidocaine Cream 20-30 minutes before
- Back to chest in chair
- Mom securing opposite hand
- Spinner toy actively engaged
Toddler/Preschool (1-5 years)

- 4% Lidocaine Cream 20-30 minutes before
- Back to chest straddle
- Mom securing opposite hand and legs
- Actively engaged with book
- Favorite toy truck as comfort object
School Age (6-12 years)

- 4% Lidocaine Cream 20-30 minutes before
- Side by side — chair next to bed
- Mom securing opposite hand with arm
- Actively engaged with Ipad from home
- Blanket as comfort object
School Age (6-12 years)

- 4% Lidocaine Cream 20-30 minutes before
- Back to chest straddle
- Mom securing opposite hand and legs
- Actively engaged with bubbles
School Age (6-12 years)

- 4% Lidocaine Cream 20-30 minutes before
- Side by side
- Mom securing opposite hand
- Actively engaged with book/story
School Age (6-12 years)

- 4% lidocaine cream 20-30 minutes before
- Upright with bolsters
- Parent side by side
- Engaged with “Find it” tube
Teen Age (13-18 years)

- 4% Lidocaine Cream 20-30 minutes before
- Side by Side-chair next to bed
- Mom securing opposite arm with hand
- Actively engaged with stress ball, but okay to sneak a peek now and then
- Comfort object at hand
Teen Age (13-18 years)

- 4% lidocaine cream 20-30 minutes before
- Upright with bolsters
- Parent side by side
- Engaged with “Find it” tube