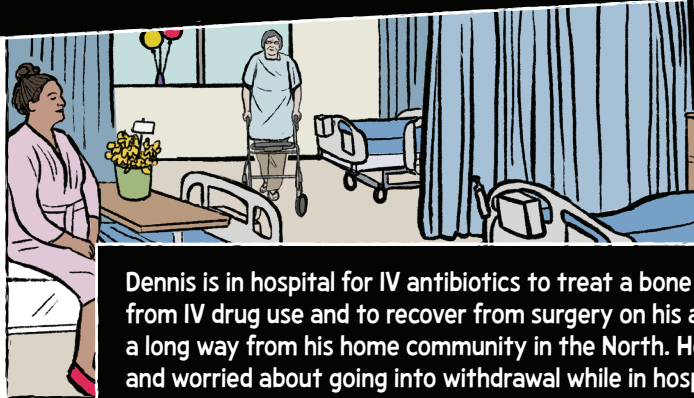
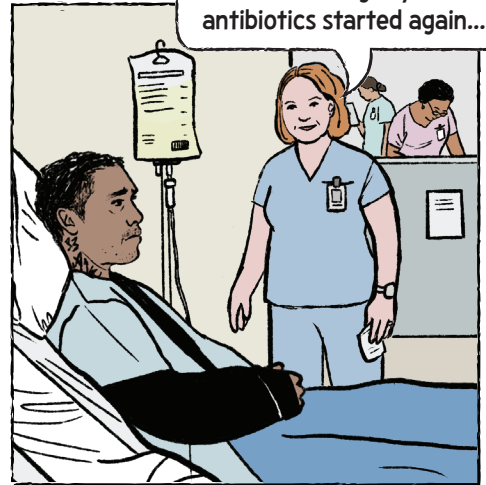


It Doesn't Have to Be This Way: Dennis and Nurse Tracy's Story

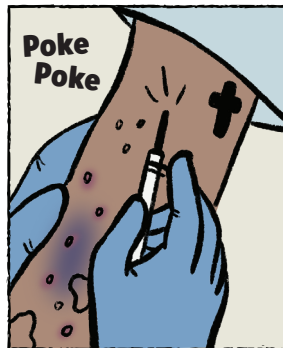


Dennis is in hospital for IV antibiotics to treat a bone infection from IV drug use and to recover from surgery on his arm. He's a long way from his home community in the North. He's in pain and worried about going into withdrawal while in hospital.

I need to restart your IV line so we can get your antibiotics started again...



My veins are shot. Can you try to be quick? I'm in a lot of pain.

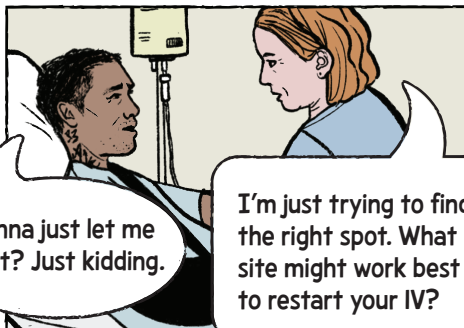


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You'll need to go higher to get that line working.

I'm trying to avoid the scar tissue.



Wanna just let me do it? Just kidding.

I'm just trying to find the right spot. What site might work best to restart your IV?



Try here.



It's gotta be time for my pain meds now.

I don't think so but I'll check the doctor's orders again.



IV meds every hour? That means I need to assess him every 15 minutes! How am I going to get everything done? I hope my headache doesn't turn into a migraine!

The manager says she's having a hard time filling the shift. Looks like we're short staffed again. I'll get us coffees.



How long do I have to stay in here? I'm dope sick. Everything hurts. I feel like I'm dying. They better give me more meds soon.



I'm really in a lot of pain - I need something more!

It's not time yet. You have to wait until 10pm.