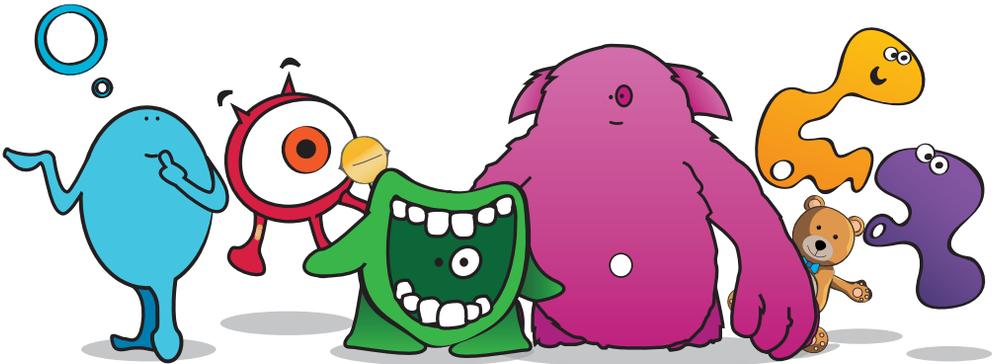


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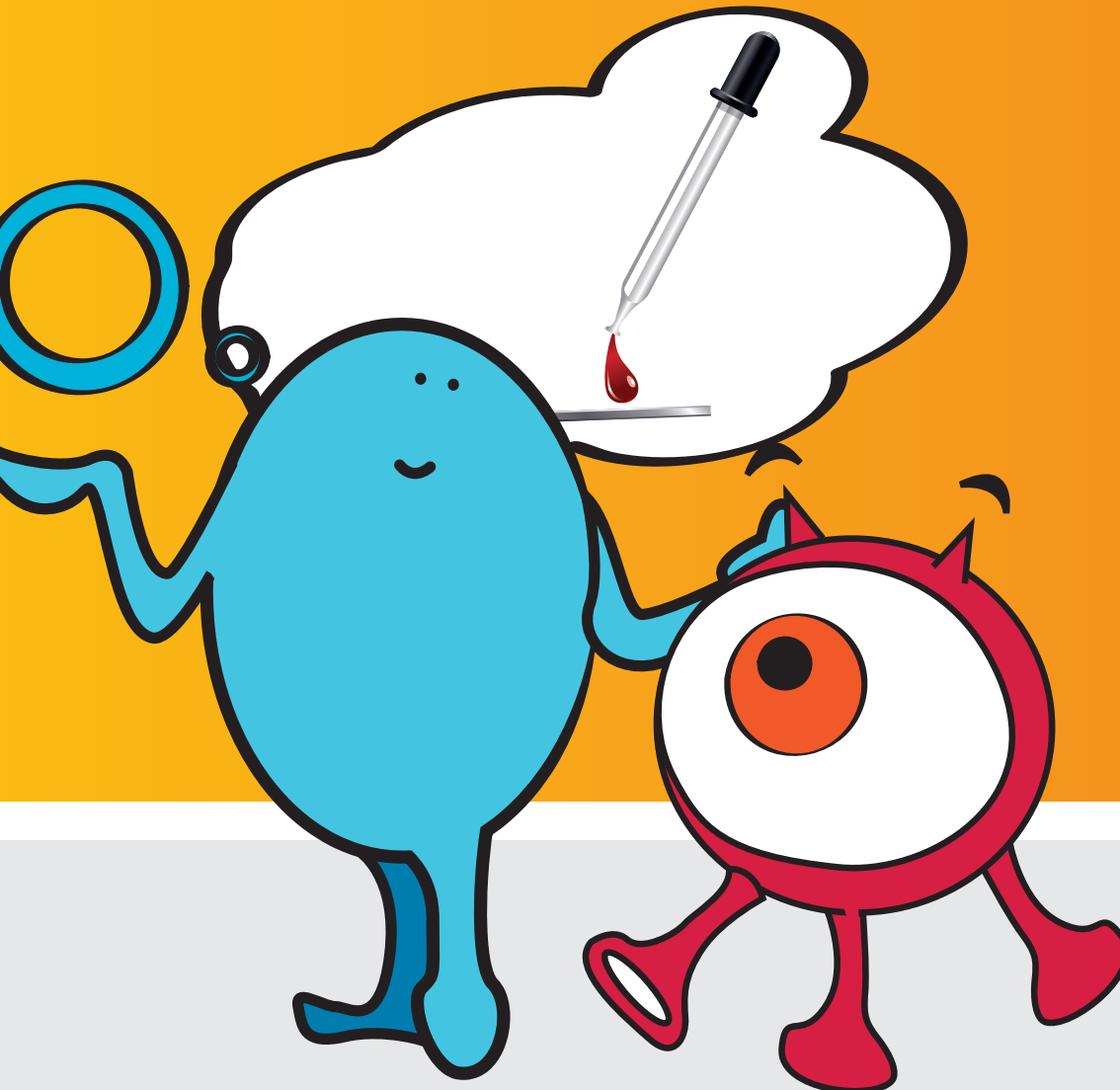
Big Eye's Blood Test

Big Eye has an appointment at the clinic today.

He is going to have a blood test to make sure he has the right amounts of different vitamins and minerals in his body to be healthy.

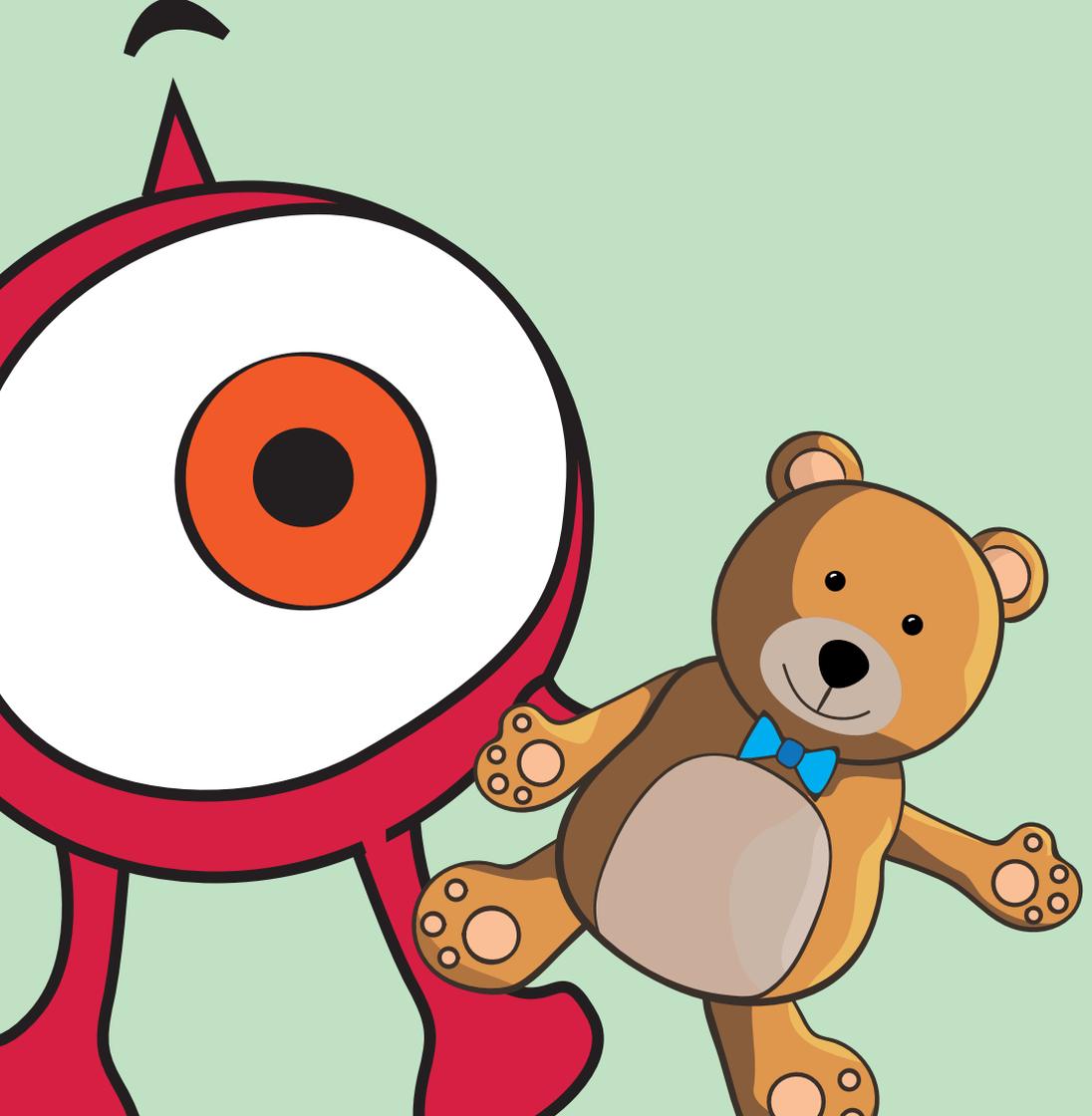
This is something the Gang have every six months.

Big Eye is a little nervous because he doesn't like needles! Brains explains to Big Eye that everything will be okay and there really is nothing to worry about.



When they arrive at the clinic they sit in the waiting room. There are lots of toys and books, but Big Eye has brought his own special toy - Billy the Bear.

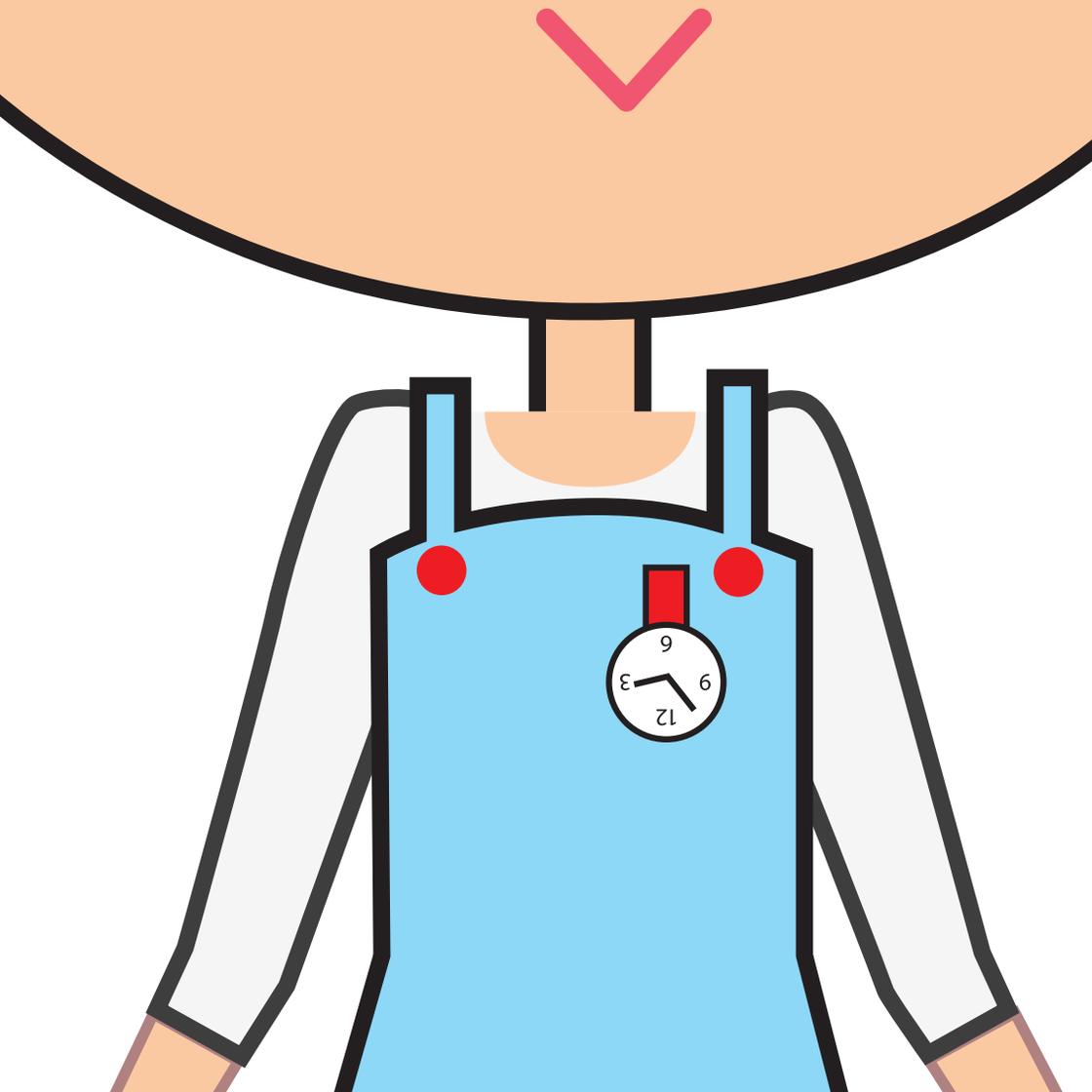
A very nice Nurse calls out Big Eye's name and comes to collect him.



The Nurse has a very special tray with lots of interesting things on it.

The Nurse talks Big Eye through everything. “First we rest your arm on this pillow”. It was lovely and soft and this helped him to feel more relaxed.

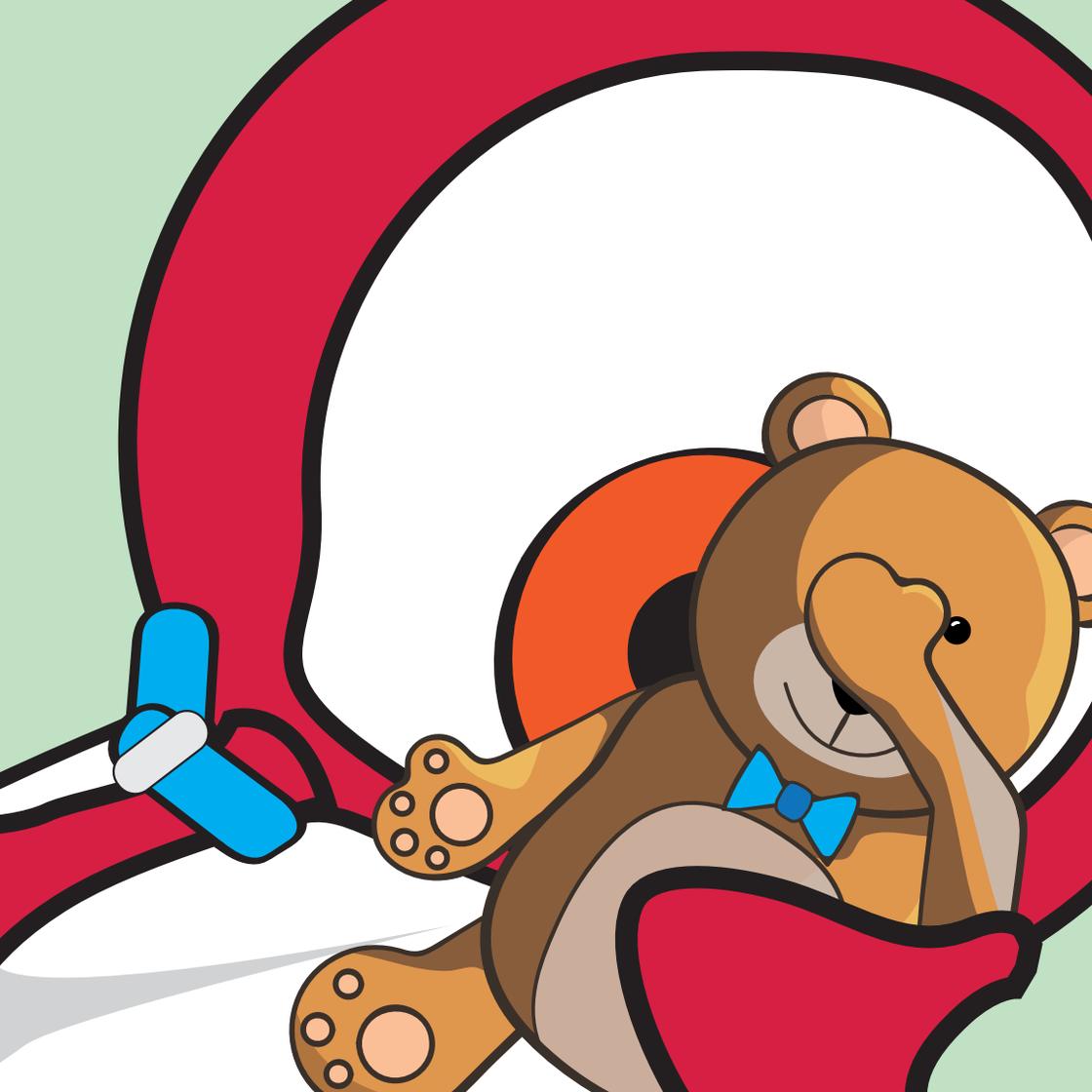
Next, she puts a soft strap around Big Eye’s arm and tightens it. This helps her to find the best place to take some blood from. The strap feels a bit like a rubber band but it doesn’t hurt.



The Nurse then uses a special wipe to make sure Big Eye's arm is nice and clean.

"You will feel a small scratch", the Nurse tells him, "so you will need to be very good and try to keep really still for me."

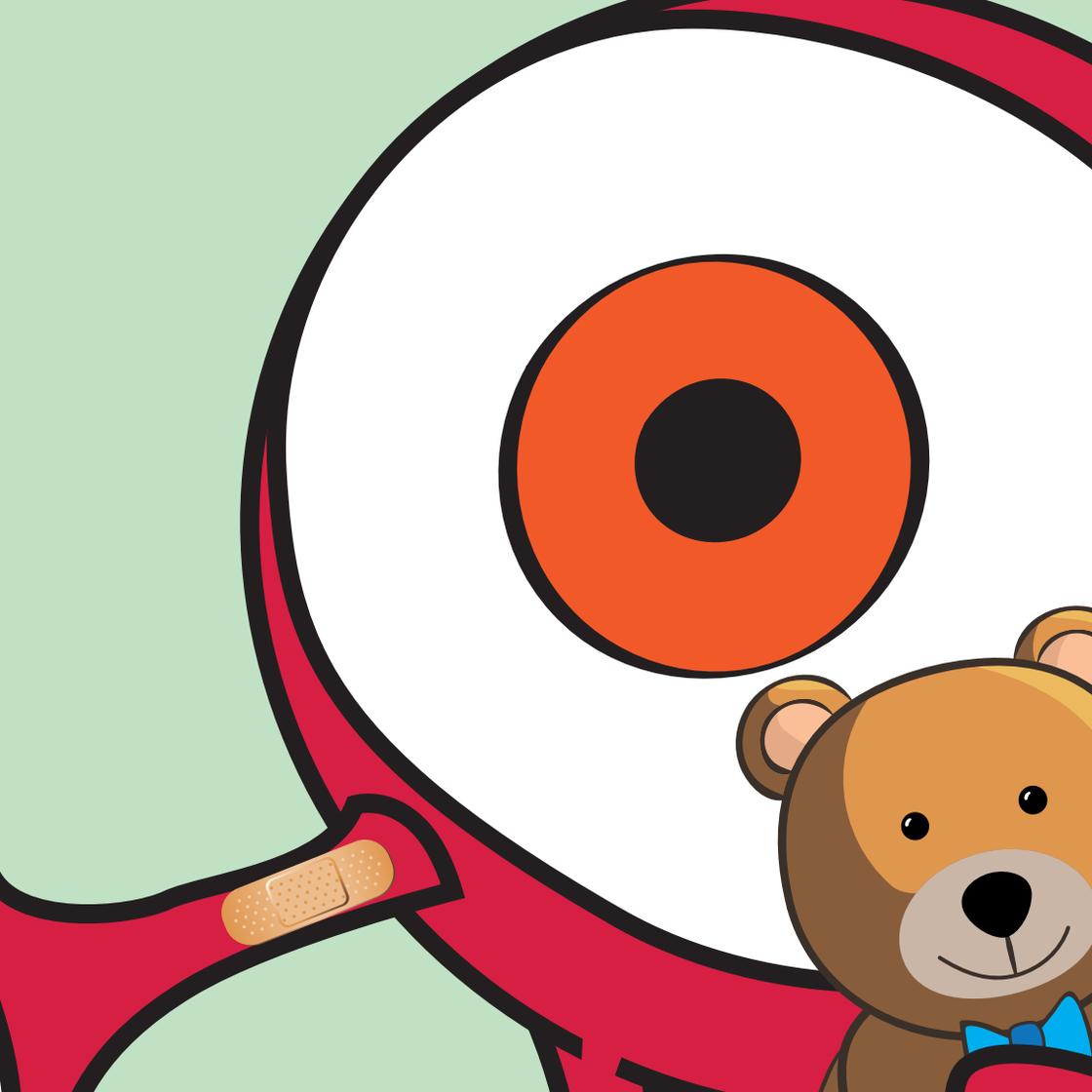
Big Eye is very still.
He doesn't want to watch though.
(and neither does Billy the Bear!)



The Nurse doesn't need a lot of blood and before Big Eye realises - it is all over!

The Nurse loosens the soft strap from Big Eye's arm and carefully removes the little needle. She puts a small piece of cotton wool on his arm and asks Big Eye to press down on it.

Big Eye then gets a very special plaster to put on his arm - he has been very brave.

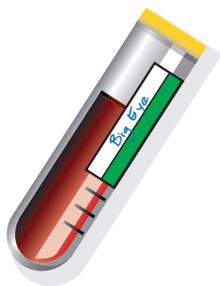
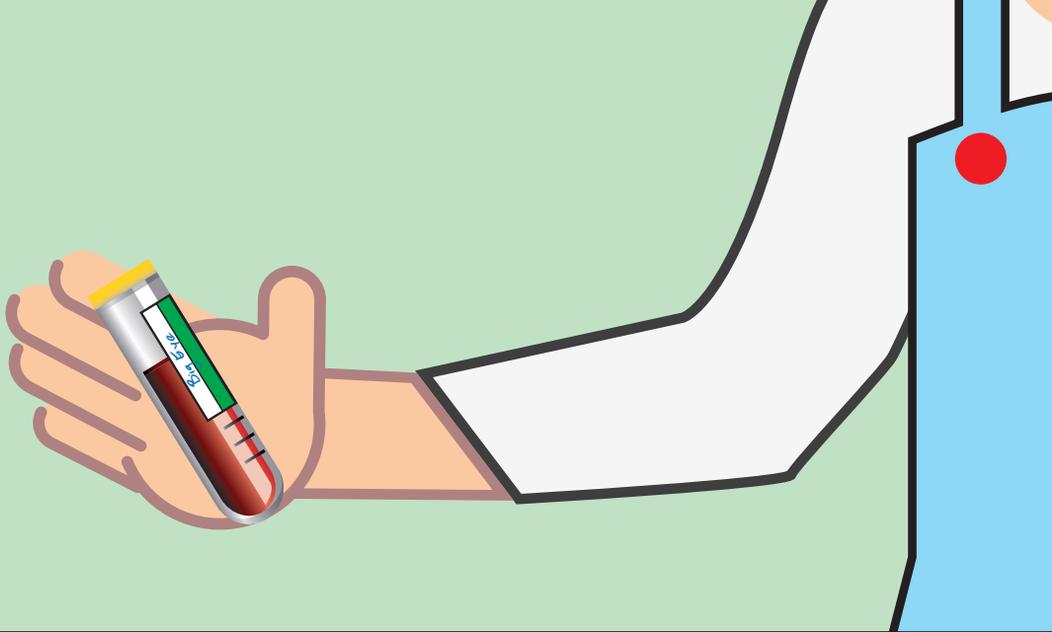


The Nurse shows Big Eye the little tubes with his blood in them and she writes his name on the labels so they don't get mixed up.

"I will now send the blood to the lab to be tested", said the Nurse.

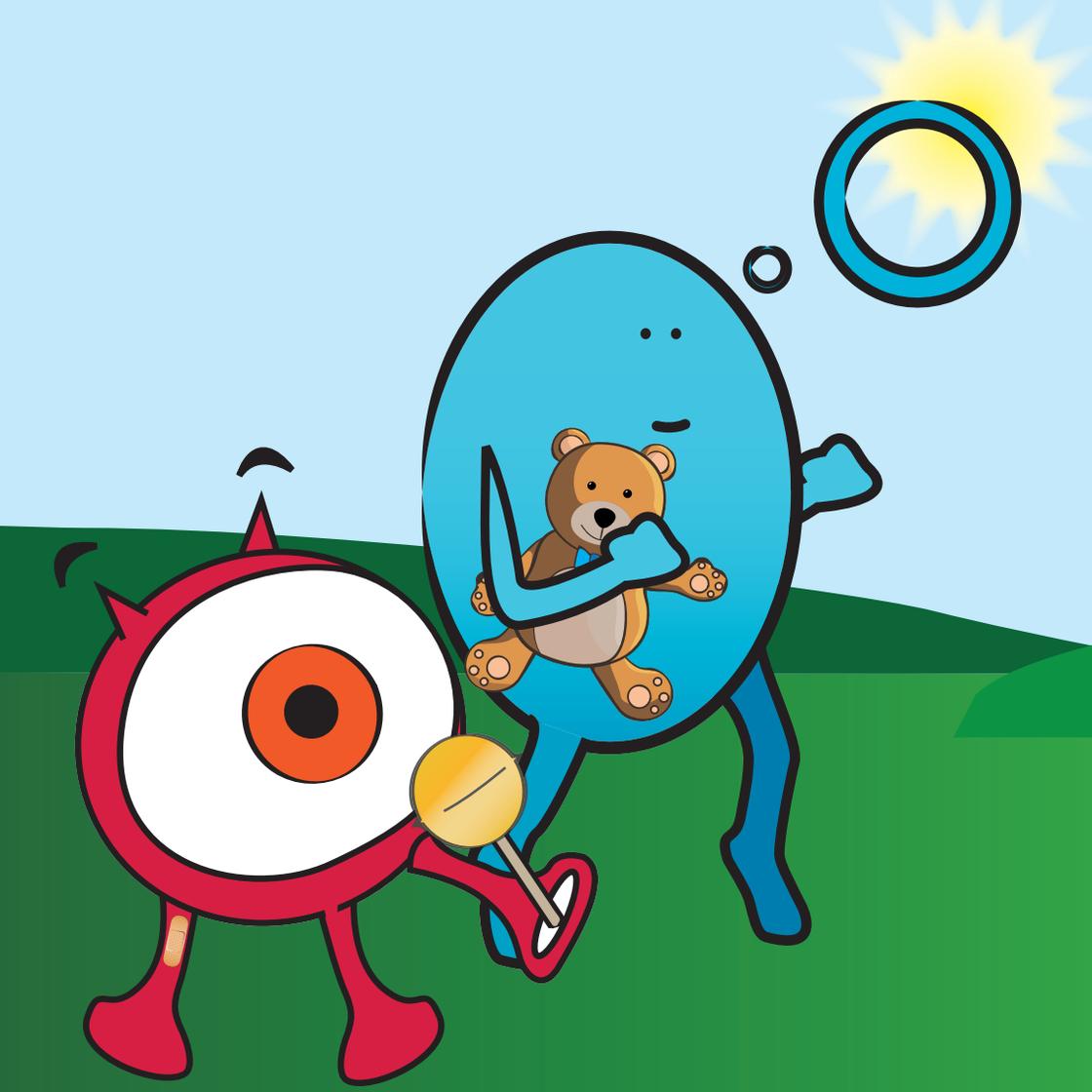
"When the results come in, someone will be in touch to let you know that your blood levels are healthy."

"Finally, as you have been so good you can have a special lollipop", said the Nurse.



Big Eye leaves the clinic feeling
very pleased with himself.
There had been no reason to
be nervous after all.

“I’ll bring Billy the Bear with me again when
I come back in six months time though!”
thought Big Eye.



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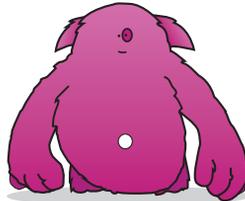
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