

Preparing for your child's Surgery

Joe DiMaggio  Children's Hospital

Welcome to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital!



1005 Joe DiMaggio Drive
Hollywood, FL 33021

Entrance



On the day of your surgery,
you will start your visit by walking through these doors.

Security



You will stop at security and your family members will be given a sticker name tag to wear.

Elevators



Your family will take an elevator up to the 2nd floor.

2nd Floor



You will walk to Surgical Services for check-in.

Family Lounge



After checking in, you will wait for your name to be called.

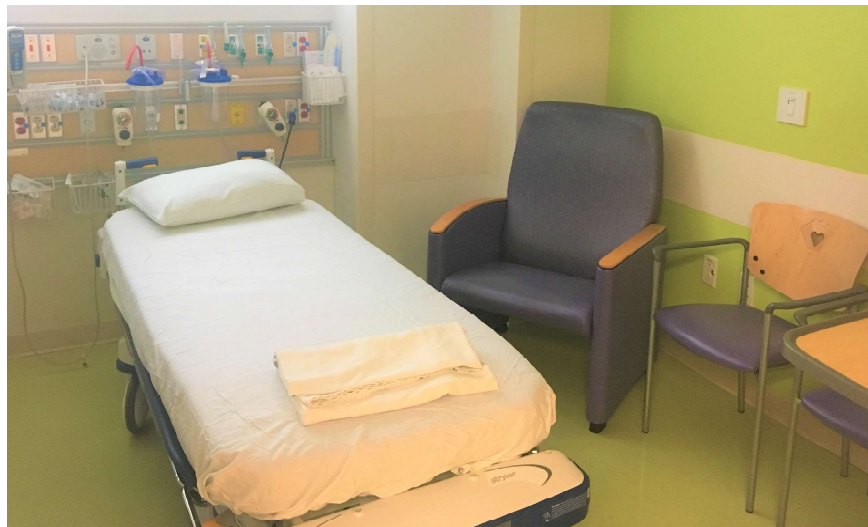
You will be given a bracelet name tag to wear. It is important to keep the bracelet on the whole time.

Vitals



The nurse will check your height, weight, and temperature.

Pre-op Room



You will wait in this room to meet your doctors and nurses.

Stickers



The nurse will check your heart beat, blood pressure, and breathing with these stickers and wraps. No ouchies!

Clothing



You will change into a hospital gown.
Some hospital workers wear special clothes too.

Play



You can play with games, toys, or do art activities in your room while you wait for your surgery.

Meeting your Anesthesiologist



The doctor who will be giving you your anesthesia (sleep medicine) will come meet you. Some kids get their sleep medicine through a mask. Others get it through a medicine straw called an IV. Your anesthesiologist will tell you which way you will go to sleep.

IV

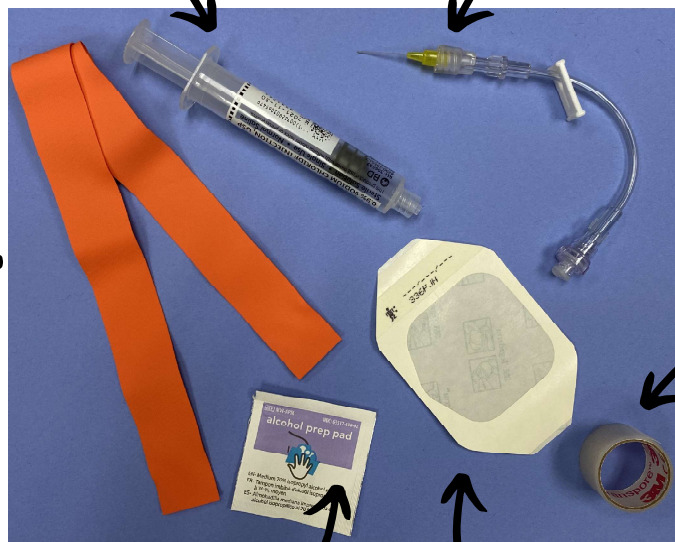


If you need an IV beforehand, it may look like this. IV means "in the vein." Your veins are the blue lines on your hand/arm. You may feel a quick pinch, but once the straw is in the perfect spot, the poke comes out and all that's left is the soft medicine straw.

IV

Water or Medicine

Soft Straw



Stretchy
Rubber Band

Tape

Soap

Bandaid

Relaxing Medicine



Some kids (under 10 years) may need to drink relaxing medicine before their surgery. We also call it "happy juice" because it may make you feel silly. There are no ouchies!



Your hospital bed has wheels. You will take a ride down the hallway to the operating room.

Operating Room

These are lights

You will lie on a new bed that has a blanket & pillow.



These are T.V's. to show pictures & measurements.

This is the room where you will get your sleep medicine.

Stickers



Inside the operating room, the nurses will make sure that all of your stickers are on and working. You will also be given a blanket to keep you warm.

Going to Sleep



Your doctor will give you a special sleep medicine to help you sleep during your surgery. You will not feel anything during the surgery, and you won't wake up until we are all finished!

Waking Up



If you went to sleep with the mask, then you will wake up with a medicine straw called an IV on your hand or arm. The tiny straw comes out once it is time to go home.

Recovery Room



When your surgery is done, you will move to the recovery room (wake up room). Your family may be with you when you wake up.

Recovering



When you wake up, you may have a popsicle, apple juice, or slushy.

Overnight Room



If you have to spend the night on the 3rd or 4th floor, you will move to a room like this. A family member will be able to spend the night with you too.

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Wheelchair ride



When it's time to go home, you will go for a wheelchair ride out to your car.

Hooray! You did it!

