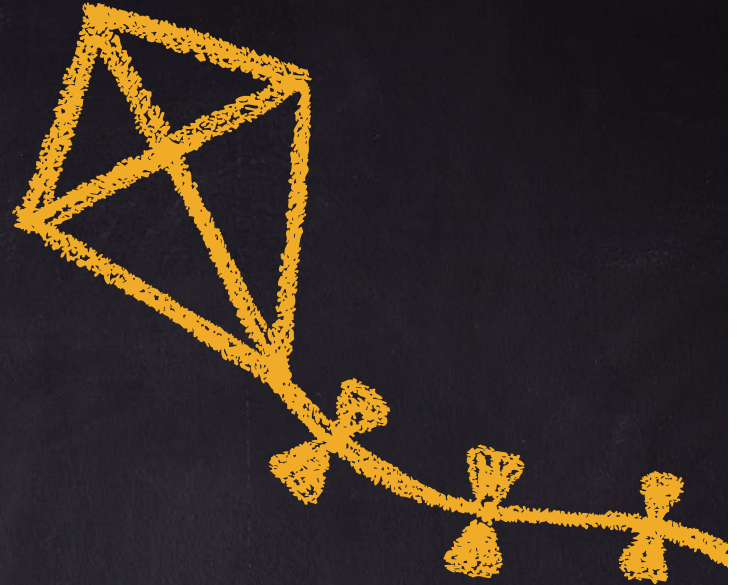


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Operating room

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Pre-op room

Before surgery you may go to a pre-op room.

The nurse, surgeon and anesthesiologist will come and talk to you and your family in this room before you go to surgery.

While you are here with your family you will get some medicine that makes you sleepy.

A nurse will wheel your bed to the operating room from here.



This is the hallway leading to the pre-op rooms.



You will have leads placed on your chest area. Leads are these little stickers that go on your chest and stomach, which attach to a computer and tell the nurses and doctors how well you are breathing and how strong your heart is.



The mask gives you extra air during your surgery. You may still have the mask on as you are waking up from surgery.





This is the doorway where you give your family a hug and kiss and say, 'see you in a little bit.'



Next, the nurses will take you through this hallway leading to the operating room.

The operating room



- ☆ The operating room (OR) has bright lights, tv screens, medical equipment, nurses and doctors.
- ☆ There will be several nurses and doctors in the operating room with you. You can talk to them and ask them any questions you may have.
- ☆ All the nurses and doctors wear blue caps, masks, blue or white gowns and blue shoe covers. This helps ensure everything stays clean.



You will get more anesthesia in the operating room. Anesthesia is a medicine given with a mask, which makes you stay asleep during surgery. While asleep with this medicine you will not feel, hear, or see anything.

The recovery room

After surgery, the anesthesiologist will stop giving you the sleepy medicine and you will wake up in the recovery room. Your family and a nurse will be in the room with you.

You will stay here for about 30 minutes.



This is the family waiting room.

The waiting room is staffed by volunteers. The doctors will call the volunteers and they will update your family on your surgery. When surgery is over the volunteers will walk your family to the recovery room.



If you will be admitted to the pediatric unit after surgery, you will be in a room similar to this one.



Child Life Specialists help children cope with the stress of hospitalization, injury, uncertainty of illness and disability. They promote effective coping through age appropriate medical preparation and education, play and self-expression activities.

This preparation book was designed as a teaching tool by a child life specialist to help patients and their families to better understand what to expect when going to surgery.

