LIONS & TIGERS & BEARS
- OH MY!

SURGERY FEAR?
Imagine what life would be like without it.
The level of pre-op understanding may vary based on an individual's age, education and past experiences. However, both paediatric and adult patients share some common needs prior to a surgical experience.
The WRH Surgical Safari Adventure begins:

- Over 1,750 paediatric day surgery cases in 2006-2007 generated a lot of nervous kids and parents. The stress-relieving Surgical Safari was implemented in May 2006.
- This pre-operative information program is available to all inpatient and outpatient children age 9 months to 18 years.
- Child Life Services experts utilize a friendly jungle theme to help patients learn about and demonstrate medical equipment through adventure play.
- Patients are encouraged to ask questions and to make choices, offering them a measure of control over the hospital experience.
The community has joined the safari!

- Surgical Safari awareness is spreading across the entire community through successful health care partnerships and support like W.E. Care for Kids
- W.E. Care for Kids is dedicated to enhancing the health and wellness of children in Windsor and Essex County through fundraising initiatives
- There are currently 200 Surgical Safari DVD’s in circulation, paid for entirely by the W.E. Care for Kids Foundation (Windsor Essex)
Surgical Safari Options for patients and their families

1. LIVE TOUR
   - an interactive walkthrough pre-operative tour

2. DVD TOUR
   - a take home complete video pre-operative tour

3. PHONE-IN QUESTION TOUR
   - a child life specialist is available to answer any pre-operative questions

4. NO TOUR REQUIRED
   - “Surgical Safari” is an optional program for patients and their families.
The safari is a tremendous success!

WRH scored 100% in 8 of 11 months for overall ratings of pediatric inpatient care. *(OHA Satisfaction Survey)*

Windsor Regional Hospital scored 100% satisfaction for 18 months running for paediatric patients who participated in the Surgical Safari Tour.

“I feel the terminology "straw" for IV needle is genius. This is a wonderful program! Someone here must have had surgery here as a kid. Your perception of a child’s mind is excellent.”

Dr. A. Liolli, Chief, Anaesthesia

The Surgical Safari program has had a tremendous positive impact on children and families coming in for surgery. The ‘Child Life Specialists’ are an integral part of the health care team. Surgical Safari has exceeded my expectations in greatly reducing the anxiety felt by patients and their families.

‘We Care for Kids’ was pleased to support the development of a Surgical Safari DVD. Our organization cares about the health of children in our region and are thrilled that Windsor Regional Hospital provides a program aimed at reducing stress and anxiety for children and their families.

Pam Seney, Chair, We Care for Kids
The safari expands!

- Pre-op classes and tours are being planned for anyone who feels anxious about a surgical procedure
- Adults are being encouraged to visit WRH prior to their surgery for a hands-on tour so they can learn about their surgical process from admitting to discharge
- Understanding...leads to empowerment... leads to better informed decision-making
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