

Information for Pre-Assessment Paediatric Patients

BEFORE YOUR SURGERY

CHILD:

If your child develops an illness within 2 weeks of their surgery, please notify their surgeon/dentist. This may include a fever, new cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, diarrhea, rash, or pink eye.

2. If your child has come into contact with any of these infectious illnesses (chicken pox, shingles, measles, mumps, rubella, tuberculosis, lice and/or scabies), within one month of their surgery, please notify their surgeon/dentist.
3. If there is a language barrier, please ask a family member or friend who speaks fluent English to be present throughout your child's day of surgery. (A language line is also available to assist you).

DAY OF SURGERY

CHILD:

Please arrive 2 hours prior to your child's time of surgery. (i.e. if your child is booked for 8:00 am, please arrive at 6:00 am).

Please do not bring any food or drinks with you to the hospital.

3. Park in our visitor parking lot across from the front entrance of our hospital. Parking costs \$7 dollars a day.
4. Your child can bring a comfort item to stay with them throughout their day of surgery (i.e. stuffed animal, blanket, toy, pillow, etc.).
5. Please bring a change of clothes, including socks and extra underwear.
6. If a sibling is present, please ensure there are 2 caregivers, as siblings are not allowed in the recovery room.
7. A caregiver needs to remain at the hospital throughout their child's day of surgery.

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Who do I contact to book my child on a surgical safari tour?

Please have families call **Child Life Services** at **519-254-5577 ext. 53408** if they are interested in booking a tour. A Surgical Safari DVD is also available through our website at www.wrh.on.ca/surgicalsafari.

2) Can my child wear his or her own pajamas on their day of surgery?

Children are **not able to wear their own pajamas into the OR** due to infection control reasons. Special considerations **may be given** on the child's day of surgery. If caregiver expresses that child will have extreme difficulty changing into pajamas please ask them to bring their child in a pajama top that buttons up.

3) How will my child receive their anesthetic?

Children typically fall asleep with a mask in the OR. However, depending on the child's height, weight, age and what the anesthesiologist prefers they may have an IV for induction of anesthesia. **If child has M. H they will receive an IV for induction of anesthesia.**

4) Can I stay with my child until he/she falls asleep?

Caregivers are not able to accompany their child into the OR. They stay with their child until they have met their child's surgical team and then children go into the OR with the nurse and caregivers are asked to wait in the waiting room.

5) How long will my child need to stay at the hospital after his/her surgery?

Tonsillectomy: 4 - 6 hours

Adenoidectomy: 3 - 4 hours

Circumcision: 2 - 3 hours (will stay until void)

Hernia Repair: 2 - 3 hours

Dental: 2 - 3 hours

Bilateral Myringotomy & Tubes: 2 hours

Septoplasty: 2 - 3 hours

If caregivers have questions regarding steps involved in their child's surgical day please have caregivers call Child Life Services at 53408.