

Sometimes when kids come to the hospital
it is because they have to have surgery.
Let's follow Ray to see how their visit to
surgery goes!

Once you're at the hospital you will ride the elevators down to the pediatric surgery area on the ground floor.

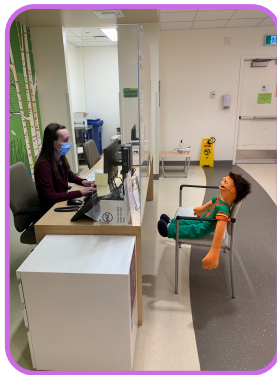


One of your first jobs is to get registered.

This means you will have to tell the person sitting at the registration desk some information. You will sit at the registration desk with your parent/guardian and answer some questions.

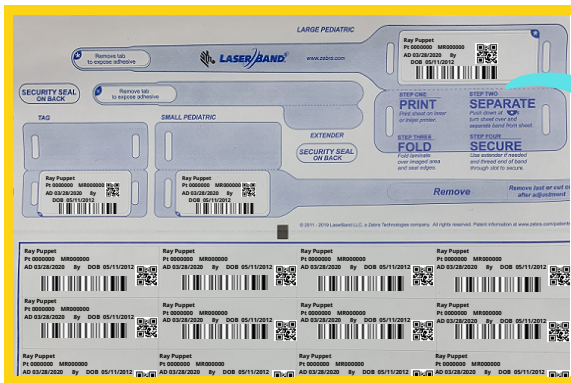


Here is the registration desk.

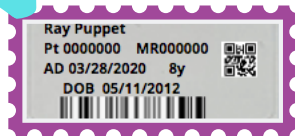


Ray is getting registered for surgery!

The registration person will give you a bracelet with your name and birthday on it. This is to make sure everyone knows who you are!



Let's take a closer look at Ray's Bracelet!



Next you will sit in the waiting room.
You can watch TV, play a game or cuddle a stuffed animal if you've brought one. Sometimes it helps to bring a special item from home to make you feel comfortable.



This is one of the places you can sit!

When it is your turn, someone will call your name and bring you to a pre-op room. The door will have your name on it.



The nurse will come through this door.

You'll walk past these doors to your room.

The room will have YOUR name on it.

In this room you will get ready for your surgery.

There's a bed
for you to sit
or lay on.

See the cool
colour!?



A chair for your
parent/guardian.



This is the light
switch that lets you
change the colour in
your room!

Many different people will come and talk to you and your parent/guardian. Some of the people you might meet are a nurse, child life specialist, anesthesiologist, and surgeon.

A nurse will come to check your vitals.

Vitals include things like checking your blood pressure, oxygen in your blood, and temperature. The nurse uses a special tool called a thermometer that they rub across your forehead and behind your ear to check your temperature.



Vitals machine.



Blood pressure cuff.



Thermometer.

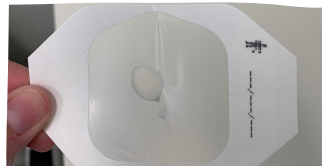
The nurse will also check your height and weight. This is to see how big you are. You will need to stand tall and still like a statue, so the nurse gets the right numbers. Remember not to bend your knees or stand on your tippy toes.



Ray holds
really still on
the scale!



The nurse might put a special cream on your hands in case you have to get a poke. This cream helps to numb your skin and take some of the poke feeling away. The cream feels cold and wet on your skin. Once it's on, the nurse will put a window sticker over it to help keep it in the right spot.



The nurse will give you a special pair of cozy hospital pajamas for your surgery. Sometimes, these pajamas are even warmed up to keep you extra comfy.



These pajamas are very clean so you don't bring any germs into the operating room for your surgery.

A child life specialist (CLS) will meet you in the pre-op room. A child life specialist is someone who is there to help you understand what is going on and make your surgery visit more comfortable. They are also there to help answer any questions YOU might have.



This is Carly, she will stop in before your surgery to talk to you and answer any questions you might have. She can also give you some activities to help pass the time.

When it is your turn to go to the operating room a nurse will have you sit or lay down on the bed. The nurse will wheel you on your bed from your pre-op room to the induction room.



Ray is laying down and ready to be wheeled to the pre-op/induction room.

There are three different pre-op/induction rooms. This is where you will go right before your surgery. Inside this room there are some machines and a door that leads right into the operating room!



Which one do you think you'll go to before your surgery?

In this room you will be visited by an anesthesiologist and your surgeon. The anesthesiologist is the doctor that will give you medicine to have a special sleep. The surgeon is a doctor that will do your surgery.

In this room the anesthesiologist will give you medicine through a mask or an IV.



The mask rests on your face like a squishy pillow and you will take nice deep breaths of the sleeping medicine.



The IV is a plastic straw that goes inside your vein by using a poke.

The doctors and nurses in the operating room wear special hospital pajamas called scrubs. Sometimes they wear silly looking blue hats and special covers over their shoes.

Sometimes you start your special sleep in the induction room with your parent/guardian and sometimes you start your special sleep in the operating room (O.R.) with the doctors.



This is the induction room.



This is the O.R.

Here are a few pictures of the operating room.

Lots of medical equipment.



Another machine.



It has a table where you will lay down.

It has great big lights.



The room even has a bunch of TVs. You can pick a show to watch while you are starting to fall asleep. During your sleep you won't feel anything, see anything, or hear anything.



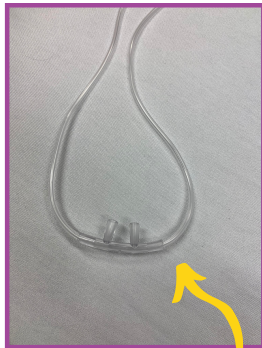
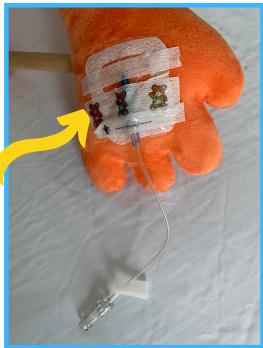
When your surgery is over you will be brought to the recovery room. This is the same room you were in to get ready for surgery. Your parent/guardian will be there when you wake up.



A nurse will check your vitals again.

You might have an IV in your hand and maybe a special tube in your nose to help you breathe better. Once you are awake your nurse might give you something to drink or a popsicle. Your tummy might feel upset when you wake up and that is normal.

Ray has an
IV in their
hand.



This is what the nose
tube looks like.

When the doctor and nurses say you are all done, you get to go home or go upstairs in the hospital until you feel better. Now your job is all done!

 **YAY!** 