

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS ABOUT THEIR CHILD'S ELECTIVE SURGERY

## ▶ Can both of us go into the operating room with our child?

One parent/guardian may be allowed to accompany your child into the operating room. You will be given a white jumpsuit and will be allowed to stay with your child until she/he falls asleep. You will then return to the waiting room. The surgeon will speak with you following the procedure.

## ▶ When will my child get an IV?

Younger children usually get the IV started once they are asleep in the operating room. Older children and children with medical conditions may get an IV in the admitting area.

## ▶ When will my child see the anesthesiologist, and what type of anesthesia will my child receive?

In the pre-surgical area, the anesthesiologist will greet you and your child, and will answer any questions or concerns you may have.

## ▶ How will I be kept informed about what is going on with my child?

A contact person will be available to answer your questions.

## ▶ Can we go into the recovery room with our child?

As soon as your child is awake enough, or when circumstances permit, one parent is allowed into the recovery room.

## ▶ When can my child go home?

As soon as your child can drink some liquids, has good pain control, and all instructions are given and understood, your child will be discharged. Some children stay overnight depending upon their surgery.

## ▶ Can my child bring in his/her favorite item to comfort them?

Absolutely! It is encouraged for them to bring a blanket or any other cherished item for comfort.

## ▶ What if my child develops a fever, cold, cough or has been exposed to any contagious disease prior to surgery?

If there is any question, contact the primary physician or the surgeon's office. They can help you determine if surgery needs to be postponed.

## ▶ Can we arrange a visit and tour of the area ahead of time?

Yes, please call the area where your child is scheduled for surgery and we will be happy to arrange a visit with you prior to the date of surgery.

## ▶ Is there a website we can go to in order to get more information?

Yes, you can get information and a virtual tour at [exeterhospital.com](http://exeterhospital.com). Click on "Our Services" on the gray bar. Scroll down and select the alphabetical tab for "Surgical Services".



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