

Child Life Specialist Available  
Monday - Friday  
7:00am-5:30pm



# ELLIOT GOES TO THE HOSPITAL

Emergency Department  
**SURGERY**



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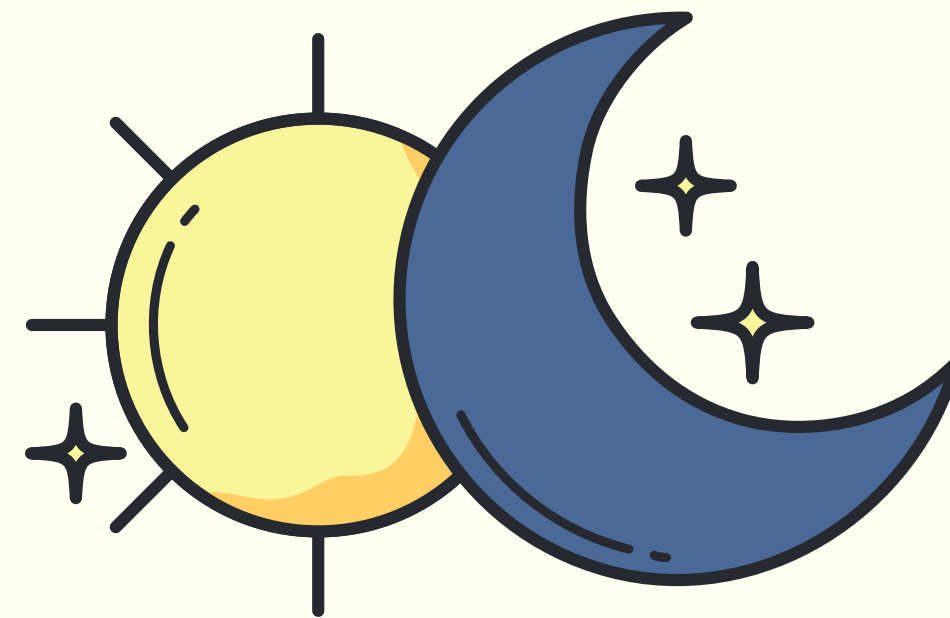


Hi, my name is Elliot!

I came to the hospital to  
help my body feel better.  
Doctors and nurses are  
here to help!



I am in the Emergency Department. The Emergency Department is an area of the hospital where doctors and nurses are ready to help kids and grown-ups. The Emergency Department is open all day and all night.



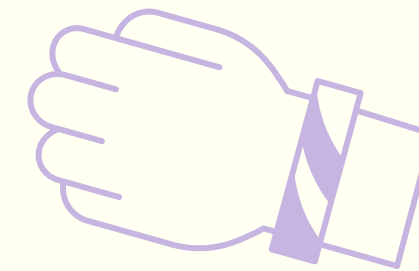


The doctors saw that my body needs surgery to feel better. To get my body ready for surgery, I will wait to eat or drink until my doctor tells me it's time.

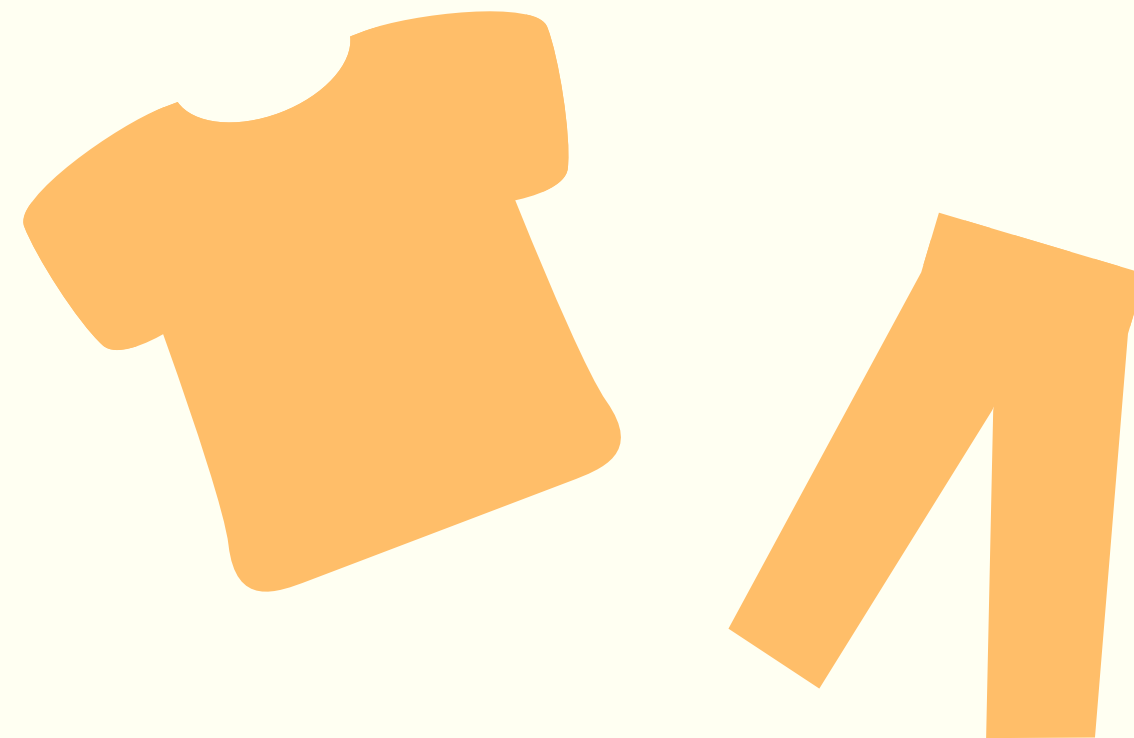




I will get a bracelet with my name and birthday on it.



I will change into hospital pajamas.





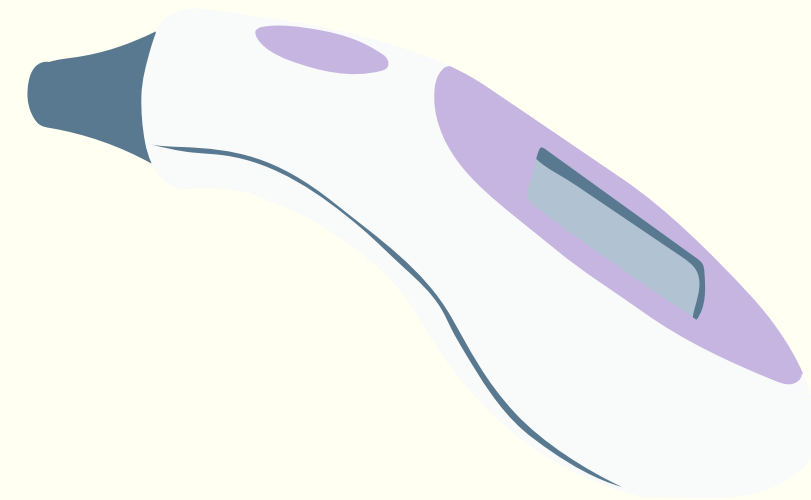
Then, they will bring us to another waiting room.



Doctors and nurses in special hospital clothes will come and say “Hi!”. They are my surgery team.



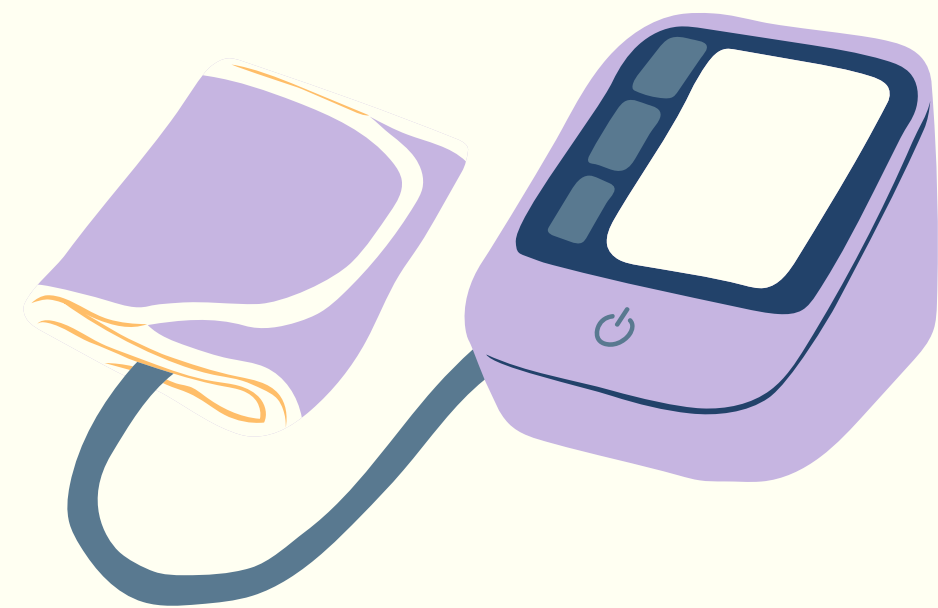
Someone will check my temperature with a wand that touches my forehead.



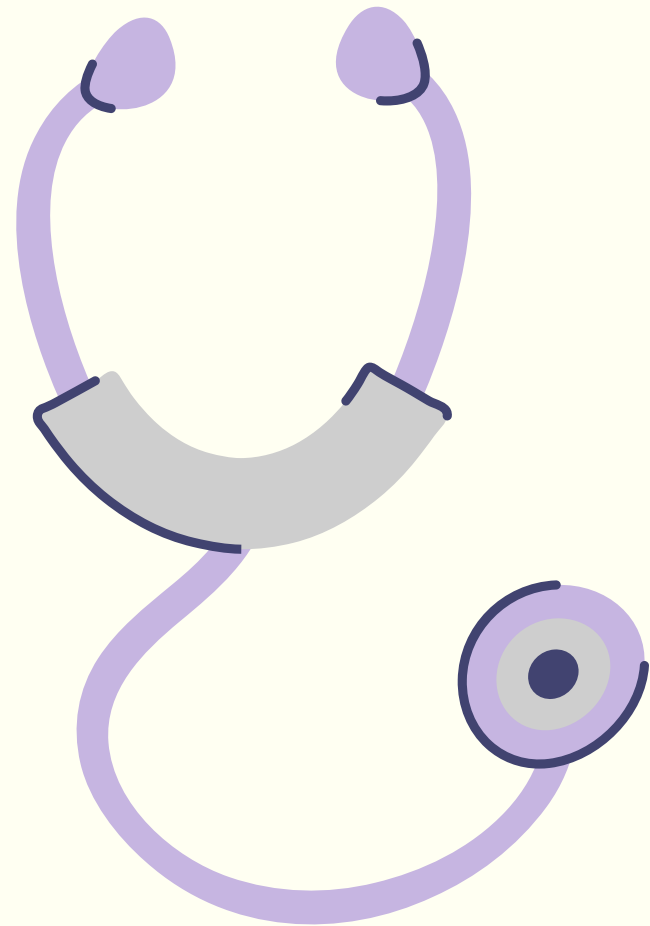




They will also check my blood pressure using a sleeve that hugs my arm.

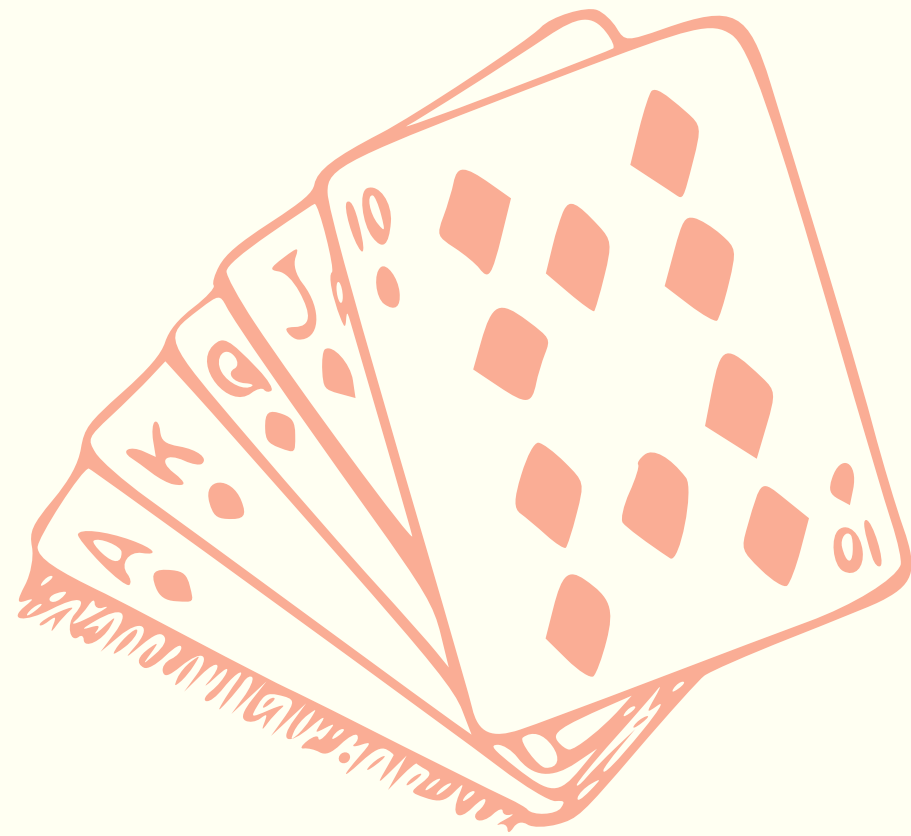
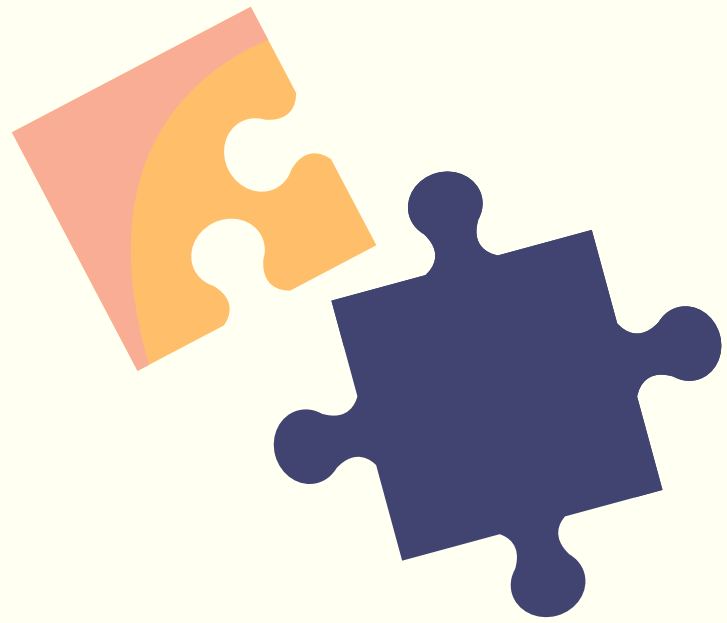


They will use a stethoscope to check my heart, lungs, and belly. They will ask me to take deep breaths.



I can relax or play until it's time for my surgery.

My surgery team will come check on me while I play.

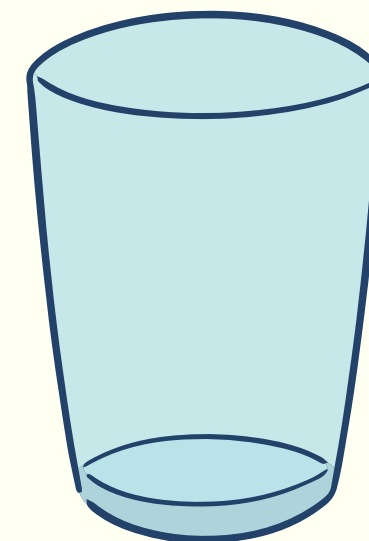
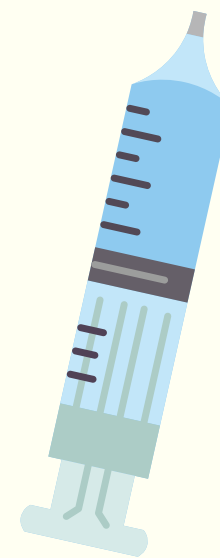
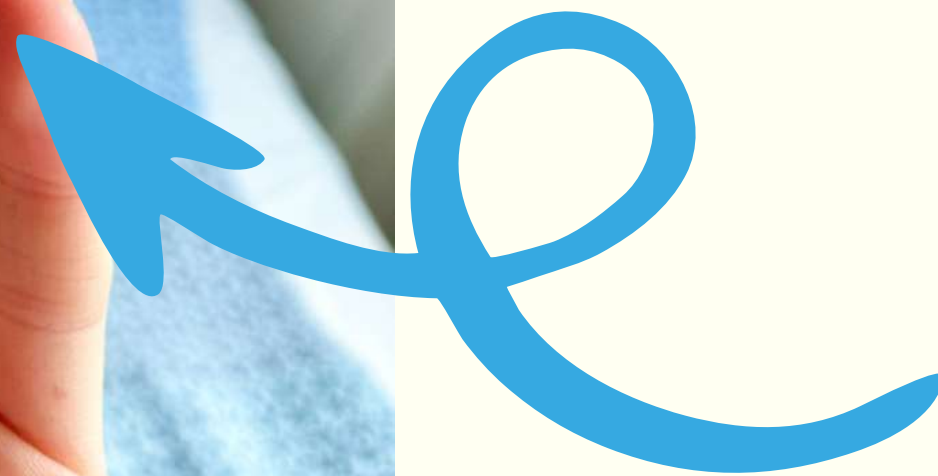




squirty  
medicine  
tube

I might get some medicine to help my body get ready for my surgery.

I may get medicine through a squirty medicine tube or a cup.





When it's time for my surgery, I will say "see you soon" to my grown-ups. I may ride on a wheelie bed to the surgery room. The surgery room has computers and bright lights. I will lay on a table like this. My surgery team will be there with me and keep me safe.



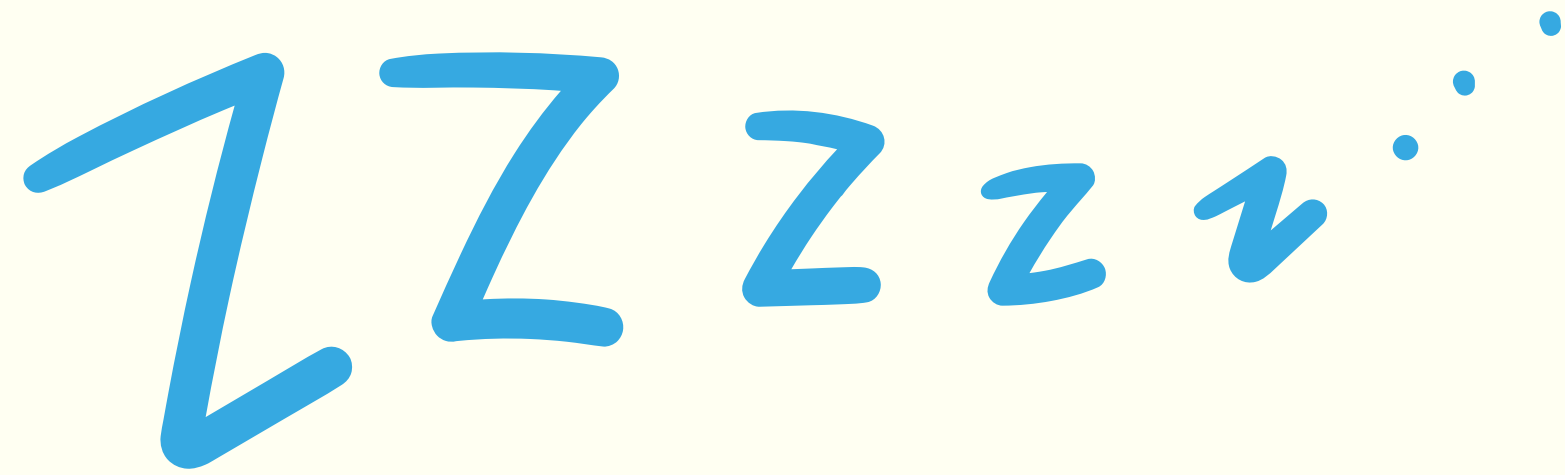
They might put stickers with strings on my body, under my hospital pajamas. These stickers tell the doctor how my body is working.



Then, my body will get special sleepy medicine. I will get my special sleepy medicine either through a mask like this or through my medicine straw if I have one. Your doctor will let you know how you will fall asleep.

If I am wearing a mask, I can still talk and laugh.





When I am asleep, I will not feel, hear, or see anything.





When my surgery is done, they will stop giving my body special sleepy medicine and I will wake up.

I will be in a new room when I wake up. My grown-ups will be there with me.

After my surgery is all done,  
everyone will be so proud of me!

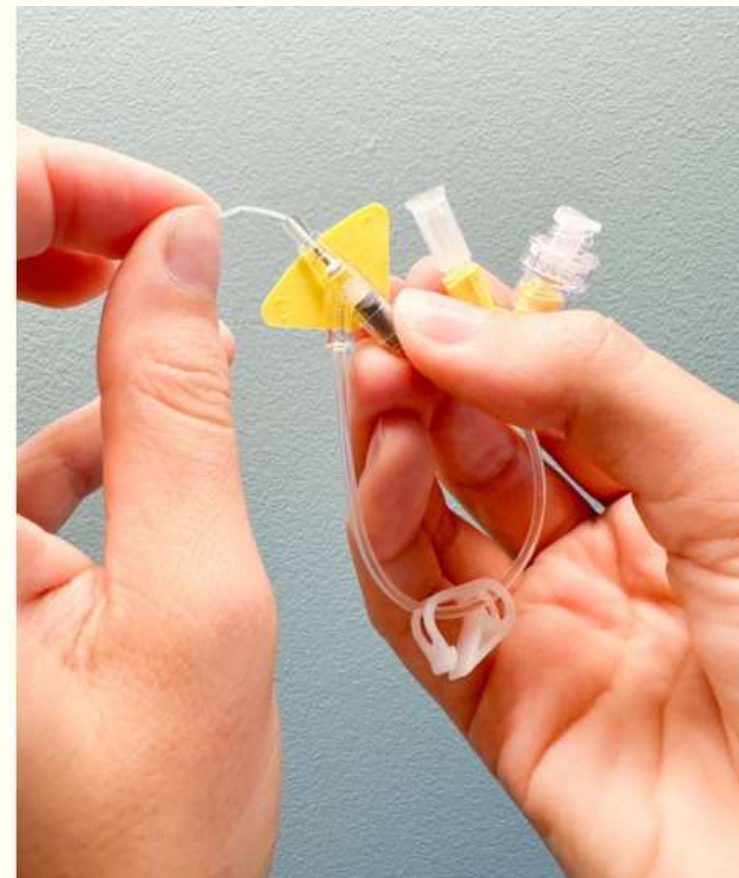


*Please Note: Your child's plan of care may change from the steps listed, in order to meet your child's individual needs.*

**\*If the anesthesiologist says your child needs an IV before they fall asleep, please see the steps below for IV placement preparation.**

**step 1**

My body may need medicine in my arm. I will get this medicine through a little bendy medicine straw called an IV. I call it my "medicine straw".



**step 3**

There will be a quick poke to get the straw in the right place. The poke will come out and the straw will stay to give my body medicine.



**step 2**

To get ready for my IV, someone will look at my arm to find the right spot for the straw.



They will use a rubber band to give my arm a squeeze. Then, they will use a sponge to clean my arm.



**step 4**

A sticker will help the medicine straw stay in the right place. Medicine tubes will attach to the medicine straw like legos to give my body medicine.