



THE SURGERY CENTER OF CHARLESTON
1849 Savage Road, Charleston, SC 29407

CHILD NO-IV PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Due to circumstances beyond our control, surgery time is determined by the surgery facility the business day before surgery. If you do not receive a call before 4PM the business day before surgery, please call (843)576-2600.

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Date of Surgery: _____ Dr. _____

WHO SHOULD BRING YOU

- Please remain at the surgery center while your child is having surgery.
- CHILDREN-Limit the number of family members/friends that accompany to 2 persons.
- Do not bring children unless they are having surgery.
- Children not having surgery are not allowed in recovery room due to privacy of other patients.
- Your child must have someone stay with them over night after the surgery.
- Please bring a bottle or cup for juice for after surgery and a favorite comfort item (blanket, teddy bear, etc.)

MEDICATION

- For your convenience, your prescriptions will be available for purchase at the surgery center when you check in.
- If your child uses an inhaler/nebulizer on a regular basis, please use the morning of surgery.

DIET

- The Surgery Center will give you specific diet instructions when they call pre-operatively.
- If the patient has anything to eat or drink after the time the Surgery Center instructs, the surgery will be cancelled.
- No food or liquids for 6 hours prior to surgery, this includes water.

HOW TO DRESS

- Jewelry must be removed, including earrings
- Pajamas or clothes with socks or slippers

WHAT TO EXPECT

After checking in, you will be brought to a holding room where the nurse will prepare your child for the procedure. Your physician, anesthesiologist and operating room nurse will see you in pre-op to answer any final questions before your child goes back for the procedure. The operating room staff will then take your child back for the procedure. Your child will then breathe gas administered through a mask, this only a minute or two to achieve a satisfactory level of anesthesia. After the procedure, your child is transferred to the recovery room. We will promptly bring up to 2 family members back to the recovery room to be with the child. At this point we encourage you to feed your child a bottle/breastfeed. It is during this period your child is likely to be fussy and crying while the anesthesia wears off. The nurse will review postoperative care and medication instructions with you. After your child is awake and drinking, you will be discharged. They may be sleepy or fussy for a few hours but most kids bounce back quickly and have a nearly normal rest of the day.

If your child develops fever, coughs, or other viral symptoms prior to surgery, please contact the Surgery Center (843) 576-2600.

Patient/Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Phone number

Date

Relationship to Patient

Alternate phone number/s

Staff Printed Name