



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SURGERY IS SCHEDULED \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

DOCTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: 1849 Savage Road, Charleston, SC 29407

## CHILD 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.

### WHO SHOULD BRING YOU

- Please remain at the surgery center while your child is having surgery.
- 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

- 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 for your child 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

- Any jewelry, including earrings, should be removed prior to surgery.
- Wear comfortable/loose-fitting clothing, no jeans/legging, try to avoid any metal, snaps or zippers.
- Pajamas or clothing with socks or slippers are acceptable

### WHAT TO EXPECT

After checking in, you will be brought to a holding room where the nurse will prepare your child for the procedure. For the patient's safety, we will determine if your child needs an IV placed before going back for surgery. 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. 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 your child. At this point we give your child some liquids and a Popsicle and ensure their pain is well controlled. It is during this period your child is likely to be fussy and crying while the anesthesia wears off, this may take several hours and up to the whole operative day for the anesthetic to wear off completely. The nurse will review postoperative care and medication instructions with you. Once your child is awake and drinking appropriately, you will be discharged.

## CHILD PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED

If your child develops fever, coughs, or other viral symptoms prior to surgery, please contact the Surgery Center (843) 605-9902.

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Patient/Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

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Phone Number

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Date

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Relationship to Patient

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Alternate Phone Number

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Staff Printed Name