

Things to Remember:

- **Honesty:** Be honest with your child and explain as much as you can about their surgery and the hospital. It's important to provide information at your child's level of understanding.
- **Arrive:** Please arrive at your scheduled time to avoid cancellation.
- **Call:** Call your doctor in advance if your child has a cough, is sick, or has been exposed to the chicken pox.
- **Arrange:** Please make arrangements for siblings on the day of surgery. If you are in-patient they may visit afterwards as long as they are healthy.
- **Comfort:** Children are encouraged to bring an item from home such as a blanket, stuffed animal, toy, or book.
- **Relax:** It's important to relax as much as possible. When caregivers are stressed children are too.
- **Caregiver:** As a caregiver, it's important to make sure you eat prior to arrival.
- **Alert:** Please alert your doctor or nurse to any special needs your child may have.
- **Ask:** Be sure to ask questions about your child's care.

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