

# CoxHealth Surgery Center Preparation Tour



**You will be having your surgery at this building.**

**Hi! I am a Child Life Specialist. It is my job to talk to you about your upcoming surgery. These pictures will show what you will see and do when you come to the Surgery Center.**



Let's go meet Elizabeth. She had surgery here, too!



On the day of your surgery, you and your parent/support person will enter the CoxHealth Surgery Center through the main entrance which faces Walnut Lawn.



Then, you will enter the first door on your right.



Please stop and register at the front desk. You can tell them your name and that you are here for your surgery.



In the waiting room, we have a kid's corner that you can play in. You may also want to pack some activities and support items from home for the day of surgery.



**When someone calls your name, your Pre-Surgery room is ready for you. There are lots of things that you will do in this room to help prepare you for surgery.**



**Your nurse will check your vital signs. This means she will listen to your heartbeat, plus check your temperature and blood pressure. Your vital signs let your nurse know how your body is doing on the morning of your surgery!**



**You will change into a hospital gown. Your nurse may also listen to your breathing and heart. An ID bracelet and allergy band will be added to your wrist or ankle to allow everyone to know your name.**



**Your parent/support person will put on a “bunny suit,”  
so that they can go with you to the operating room\*.  
You will get to ride on a bed with wheels!**



\* Parent support in the operating room is for children between the ages of 1 and 8 years. Education has to be completed to be eligible.

**This is what the operating room looks like. There is a skinny bed, lots of computers and monitors, big bright lights and people dressed in blue with funny hats. These people are all here to help with your surgery!**



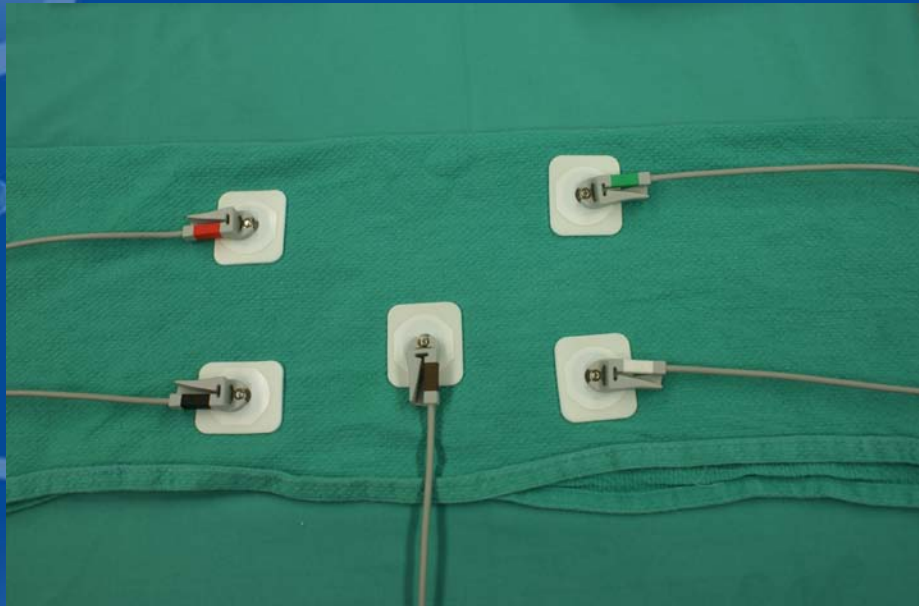
**You will be moved from your bed with wheels to the surgery bed. This bed is so small that it has a special seat belt that helps you not roll off!**



**A surgery staff person will place the pulse-ox on your finger. We call this a “finger kisser”! It doesn’t hurt. This helps monitor your oxygen level during surgery.**



**Your nurse will place 5 EKG stickers. These stickers read your heartbeat while you have your surgery. You will have two on your chest, one on each side and one above your belly button or on your back.**

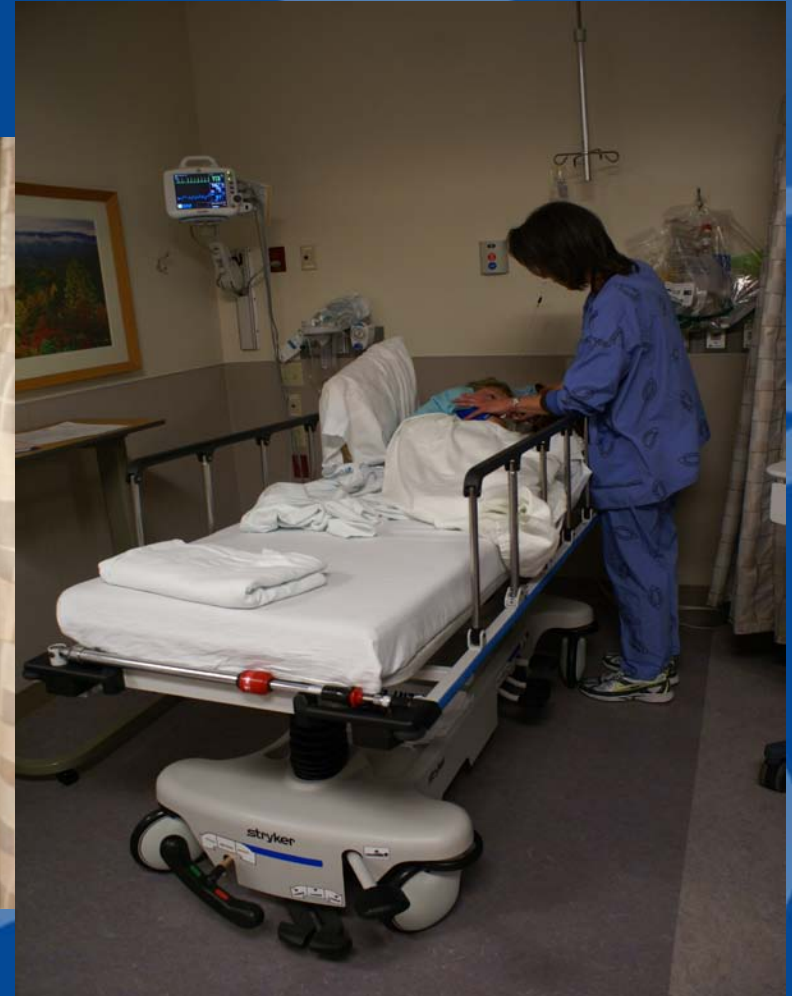


It will then be time for your sleep medicine. This can be given through your sleep mask or through an IV \*. This will be a special sleep, so that you do not feel anything during your surgery.



\* Method of anesthesia induction (mask or IV) will be determined by the anesthesiologist based on patient weight, age, medical history and safety

When your surgery is complete, you will be taken to the Recovery room. When you wake up, you can ask your nurse to see your parent/support person.



You may be moved to a Post-Surgery room. Your nurse will give you lots of juice and popsicles!



**When it is time for you to go home, you can even ride out to your car in a wheelchair!**

