



Information for
parents and
carers

**Preparation for children
undergoing surgery**

Your child has been admitted to hospital and is due to undergo surgery. Due to the current situation around Covid-19 additional measures have been put in place to help protect you, your child and our staff.

What to expect when your child comes in for surgery

- The speciality doctors will discuss with you the planned procedure. After discussion they will ask you to sign the consent form, this may be done on the day of surgery if it hasn't been completed prior to this admission. Unfortunately due to safety precautions to minimise spread of infection we ask that only one parent accompanies their child whilst in hospital.
- Your child will be seen by the nurse who will carry out baseline observations including heart rate, respiratory rate, temperature, oxygen levels and blood pressure. Your child will be weighed and have a name band put on. The nurse will go through a series of safety questions.
- The nurse will put some numbing cream on your child's hand(s) and/or arm(s). This numbs the top surface of the skin; it takes approximately 45 minutes to work. Your child will be given a theatre gown to put on.
- In some children it is beneficial to give them some medication before going to theatre to help calm them down if they are anxious or distressed. The anaesthetist will discuss this with you.
- Once the cream has had time to work a doctor will insert a cannula, this is to give medication through, including the anaesthetic and it will be used throughout the operation. It is usually removed post operatively once your child has had tolerated something to eat and drink.

Once the cannula is in place and theatre is ready your child will be taken down to theatre by the staff nurse. You and your child will be asked to wear a face mask. You will notice that staff will also wearing face masks and you will find they might have aprons, gloves and glasses on, this is to protect both you and staff. You can accompany your child down to theatre but once they have gone through into theatre the staff nurse will bring you back up to the ward where you can get a hot or cold drink from the parent's room. One of the nurses will ask about whether you as the parent/carer have any signs or symptoms and if Covid-19 is suspected or confirmed unfortunately you will not be able to accompany your child to the operating theatre.





- Your child will be brought back up to the ward after their operation to recover.

We appreciate that this is a difficult time for both you and your child and we endeavour to try and make this a positive experience for you. If you have any questions please ask a member of staff who will be happy to help.

Please help us

- Washing your hands regularly and always on entering and leaving the ward and room.
- Keeping the area around your bed space as clear as possible so staff can reach the sink to wash their hands and by staying as far away as possible from staff when they are removing personal protective equipment.
- Asking us if there is something you need, if necessary please arrange for someone to bring in items you require.
- Asking us if there is anything you don't understand.

We will

- Keep you up to date with your child's care.
- Ensure that you are discharged home as soon as possible and when your child is fit for discharge

Contact details

Ward 8 Telephone Number: **01772 523496**

Sources of further information

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.patient.co.uk

www.accessable.co.uk

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

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Please ask if you would like help in understanding this information. This information can be made available in large print and in other languages.

Cantonese:

如果你希望以另外一種格式接收該資訊，請和我們聯絡，不必猶豫。

Gujarati:

જો તમને આ માહિતી બીજી રચના કે ફોર્મેટમાં મેળવવાની ઇચ્છા હોય, તો કૃપા કરી અમારો સંપર્ક કરતા અચકાશો નહિ.

Hungarian:

Kérjük, vegye fel velünk a kapcsolatot, ha más formában kéri ezt az információt.

Polish:

Jeżeli chciał(a)by Pan/Pani otrzymać niniejsze informacje w innym formacie, prosimy o kontakt.

Punjabi:

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਫਾਰਮੈਟ ਵਿਚ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲੈਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਨਾ ਝਿਜਕੋ

Urdu:

اگر آپ اس معلومات کو کسی اور صورت میں حاصل کرنا چاہتے ہیں تو برائے مہربانی ہم سے رابطہ کرنے میں ہچکچاہٹ محسوس نہ کریں۔

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