

On the day of your child's surgery, it is important to know what to expect. Please know that AOSC is here to help you every step of the way by providing the highest quality of care for your family. Here is what you can expect the day of surgery:

1. Upon arrival please contact the front desk. They will coordinate an aid to come to your vehicle and go through our check in procedures, ensuring all paperwork is complete.
2. Please bring a change of clothes and underwear just in case the child has an accident during the procedure
3. The nurse will talk with you and your child about what they are going to do. They usually check vital signs on a child (Blood Pressure, Pulse, Oxygen Saturation, and Temp) then allow the child to relax and get comfortable. We always suggest to the parents to bring anything they keep with them for comfort (a toy, lovey or blanket works well)
4. After the nurse is done admitting, the anesthesiologist will come over and introduce his/her self. Your child MAY be given a pre-medication which is a calming medication, usually about 20-30 minutes prior to the child going into the OR.
5. This is given at the discretion of the anesthesiologist and the appropriateness of its administration will be determined by them the morning of surgery.
6. As they are in the OR, the child then is given a mask over their face with anesthesia gases for them to breathe, and they are usually sedated within 5-10 seconds. We call this "blowing up the balloon" because there is a colored bag on the machine that moves in and out as the child breathes in the gases.
7. Your child will be under general anesthesia.
8. After your child is asleep, they will then start an IV.
9. After the procedure is completed, the recovery nurse will monitor your child's vital signs.
10. Children sometimes will wake up very restless. This is because they are nervous and "feeling weird" when coming out of anesthesia, not because they are in pain.
11. Usually the child is given some pain medication during the procedure through their IV to help with after the procedure, along with the Dentist injecting local numbing medication to the site (if needed).
12. Once he/she is calm and her vital signs look stable, they can have something to drink, their IV will be taken out (which will not hurt), and they can go home. The child will probably be in recovery from 30-45 minutes.

Items to bring the day of surgery

1. Your child's medical insurance cards
2. Your picture ID
3. If your child is a foster child or adopted, you will need to provide documentation of this upon arrival at the center. This would include any court paperwork issued to you.
4. A toy, doll, or blanket that makes your child feel secure in their surroundings
5. A book or laptop for yourself while your child is in surgery since it is a state requirement that one parent stay on-site while the child is in the facility.

PLEASE REMEMBER- make all arrangements possible to keep any other children at home during the time your child needs to have their procedure. We will not allow unattended children in the waiting area or facility.

The entire process from registration to discharge can take 2-4 hours sometimes so please make sure you do not make other plans for that day. If needed, we can provide a note for your job or a note for the child's school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the surgery center you are scheduled at and they would be happy to assist you. If you would like to visit the center before your scheduled procedure date, they would be happy to schedule that for you too. We look forward to providing you and your child with EXCELLENT Service and Care!