



**Let's talk about
coming to Sawgrass
for surgery.**



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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Welcome to Sawgrass!



When you come in our doors, you will meet some very nice people. They will ask you what your name is.

You will get to wear a special bracelet while you are here. This bracelet has your name and your birthday on it.



We will be checking a few other things, like your temperature. The important thing to remember is, **NOTHING WILL HURT!** In fact, it can be really fun.





**How big
are you?**

**We will weigh
you and see how
tall you are, too.**



Time to get ready!

You will meet a very nice nurse who will ask lots of questions.

You will change into cute pajamas. You will also get slippers that you can take home.



Meeting the doctors.

While you are waiting, you will get to talk to your surgeon. The surgeon is the doctor who will do your surgery. All our surgeons are very nice!





Another doctor you will meet.

You will also meet your anesthesiologist. Whew, that's a big word!



This is a doctor who gives you a special kind of medicine that helps you sleep through your whole surgery. You can call this doctor the “Sleepy Medicine Doctor.”

Time to go to the operating room.

This is a room that is very clean and germfree. That's why the nurses and doctors wear special clothes and hats.



Off to sleep you go!

The “Sleepy Medicine Doctor” will help you fall asleep. Just think happy thoughts and breathe in deep.

Soon enough, you will be dreaming. Next thing you know, you’ll be out of surgery!





Time to wake up.

When you wake up, you will meet another nice nurse. Your parents will be with you. And we will have drinks and popsicles waiting for you!



Time to go home!

Not much later, your
parents will take you
home.

Thank you for
coming to visit us at
Sawgrass!





Helpful things to bring:

- Special sippy cup or bottle
- Special “lovey” or blanket
- Stuffed animal friend
- Extra diapers/Pull-ups®
- Extra outfit (preferably pajamas)
- Favorite DVD (we have the players)

Dear Parents,

This PowerPoint was created to help you prepare your child for having surgery at Sawgrass Surgery Center. It helps children become familiar with what to expect the day of surgery. It also gives them an opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings. Sharing this information in an honest, gentle way can help your child to better trust you and the medical team.

If your child asks a question and you don't know the answer – or if you would like more information about your child's surgery – please contact your surgeon's office. You will also have a chance to ask questions on the day of surgery.

You know your child best. So please ask any questions you have and voice any concerns so that we can better meet your child's needs.

Sincerely,
Sawgrass Surgical Staff