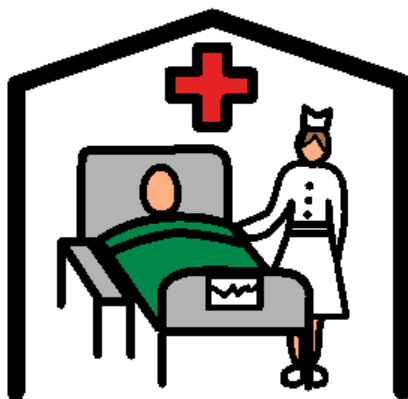


## Having an Operation

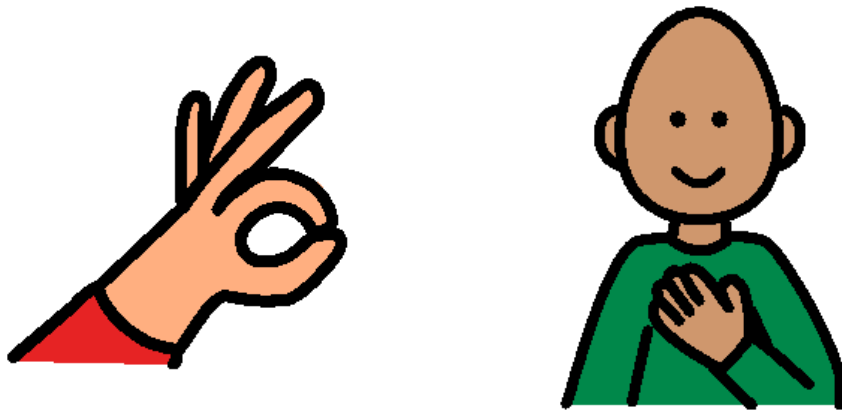
Sometimes I get sick or hurt.



When this happens, I might go to the hospital  
so a doctor can look at me.



This is okay because the doctor can help me feel better.



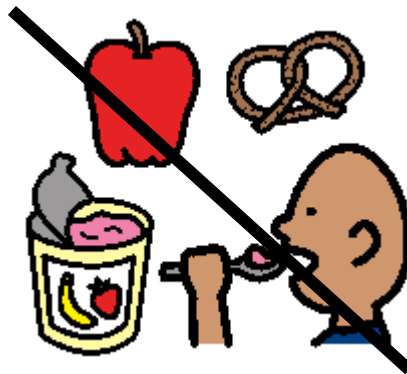
Sometimes, I may need an operation to help me feel better.



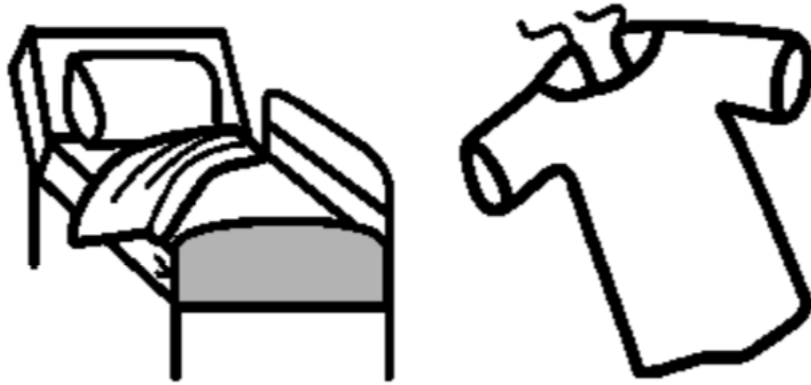
The doctors will put me to sleep during the operation so I won't feel anything.



A few hours before the surgery, I will come into hospital. I will not be able to eat or drink.



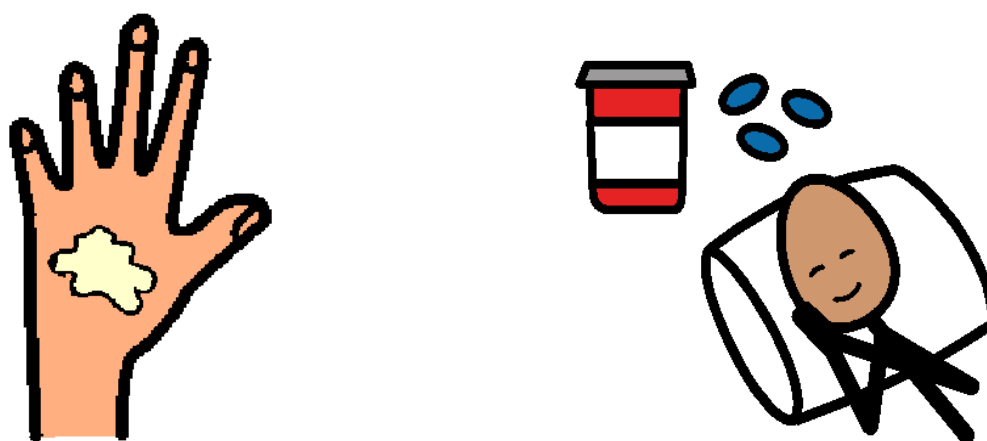
The nurse will help me change into a hospital gown, relax and lie down on the bed.



Mum and Dad will be there the whole time and can help me.



Before I go into the operating room, the nurses will put cold cream on my hand. They might also give me a tablet with a little bit of juice to help me relax.



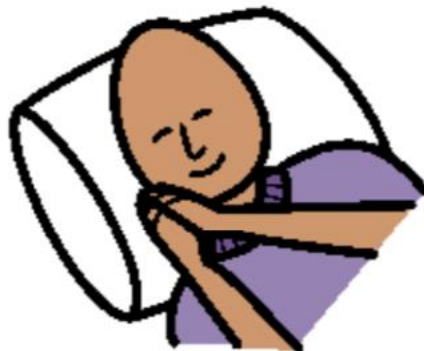
The nurse will then walk me into the operating room. Mum or dad will come with me and I will lie down on the bed.



To help me go to sleep, the doctor will put a mask on my face to breathe which smells like strawberries.



I will feel very sleepy and fall asleep very quickly. This is normal.



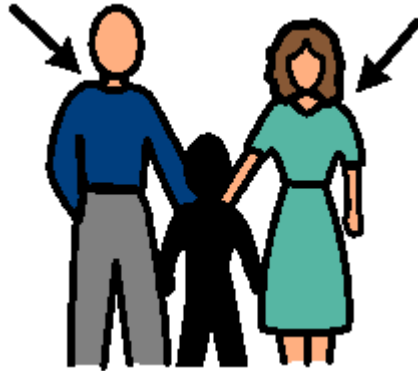
The doctors will then do the operation.



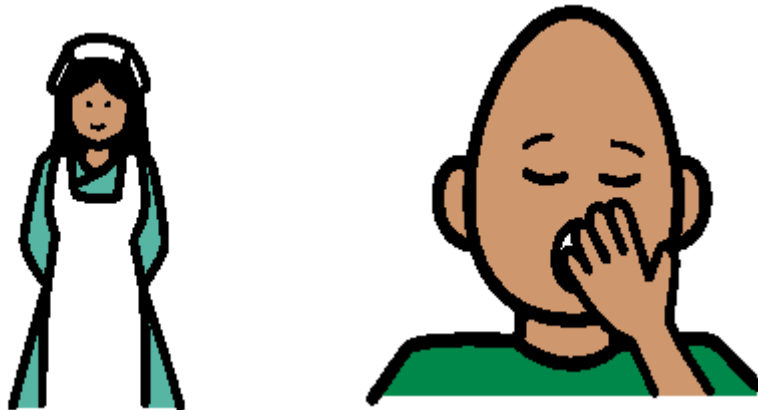
After the operation, I will be taken to the recovery room.



Mum and Dad will be there in recovery to help me.



The nurses will look after me there. When I wake up in recovery, I might feel very tired.





Sometimes I might feel pain after my operation. I might also feel very sick. If I do, I can tell the nurse who can help me.



I will stay in hospital until I am ready to go home. The nurses will check my heart, breathing and temperature often.



I might need to take some medicine after the operation to help me feel better.



Everyone will be proud of me for being brave and having an operation.

