Child Life Specialist Available Monday - Friday 7:00am-5:30pm

Elliot

ELLIOT **GOES TO THE HOSPITAL**

MY BODY NEEDS AN MRI



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Hi, my name is Elliot!

I'm going to the hospital because the doctors need pictures of the inside of my body.







To get my body ready for my MRI, I will not eat or drink anything the morning I come to the hospital.



I can choose to bring a comfort item with me from home!

When I get to the hospital, we will take an elevator to the second floor. Then, we will walk to the front desk to let them know we are here.





To see how tall I am, I will stand in front of this giraffe.

To see how much I weigh, I will stand on a scale.





Then, they will bring us to another room.



I will get a bracelet with my name and birthday on it.



I may change into hospital pajamas.





Someone will check my temperature with a wand that touches my forehead.





They will also check my blood pressure using a sleeve that gives my arm a hug.



To check my heart, lungs, and belly, they will use a stethoscope. They will ask me to take deep breaths.







I can play until it's time for my MRI.







you soon" to my grown-ups. Then, I will go to the MRI room.







This is the MRI camera. It looks like a giant donut.

I will lay on the MRI table. The MRI camera won't touch my body.

Then, I will get cool air to breathe through a mask. I can still talk and laugh with this mask. I will start to feel sleepy.





When my MRI is done, I will wake up in a new room. My grown-ups will be there when I wake up.







*If the Anesthesiologist says your child needs an IV before they fall asleep, please see the steps below for IV placement preparation.

step 1

My body may need medicine in my arm. I will get this medicine through a little bendy medicine straw called an IV.





step 2

To get ready for my IV, someone will look at my arm to find the right spot for the straw.



They will use a rubber band to give my arm a squeeze. Then, they will use a sponge to clean my arm.







step 3

There will be a quick poke to get the straw in the right place. The poke will come out and the straw will stay to give my body medicine.

step 4

A sticker will help the medicine straw stay in the right place. Medicine tubes will attach to the medicine straw like legos to give my body medicine.

If you have additional questions or concerns regarding how to support your child with their upcoming test / procedure, please contact our team of Certified Child Life Specialists.

Office Phone: (603) 663-3416

Please Note: Your child's plan of care may change from the steps listed, to meet your child's individual needs.