Preparing for Surgery

Elliot Health System

Eating and drinking rules for your child before surgery

Older than 12 Months

Patients twelve months and older

- No solid food after midnight
- Clear liquids until 4 hours prior to surgery
 - Water
 - Pedialyte
 - Apple Juice
 - Cranberry juice
 - Gatorade

Younger than 12 Months

Patients twelve months and under

- Breast Fed infants
 - Breast milk or clear liquids until 4 hours prior to surgery
- Formula Fed infants
 - No formula after midnight
 - Clear liquids until 4 hours prior to surgery

Please remember:

No gum, no candy, no jewelry, no body piercings, no eye contacts, no make-up and no nail polish.

If you develop a cold, cough, fever or flu-symptoms, please notify your surgeon immediately, it may be safer to delay the surgery in some circumstances.

*The preoperative nurse will call you the day before to go over any necessary medications to take in the morning of your child's surgery.

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