

Admission to Jungle Ward for minor injury patients Paediatrics



Your child has been asked to come to Jungle for assessment and/or treatment of their injury.

We hope the following information will be of help.

Before you come

In case your child needs an anaesthetic for surgery it is very important that the following starving instructions are followed.

Until 2.30am your child may eat and drink normally. It is important they have NO food or milk (including sweets and chewing gum) after 2.30 am.

Between 2.30am and 6.30am they may drink only water or diluted squash. Do not give them anything at all to eat or drink after 6.30am.

If these instructions are not followed your child's operation will be delayed or cancelled as it would not be safe for them to have an anaesthetic. Please ask if you are unsure.

When you arrive

Please arrive on Jungle Ward at 7.30am. We aim for you to be seen by your doctors and nurse within an hour of arrival. Your child will then be allocated a space in theatre.

The timing for this will be dependent on several factors but we aim to carry out your child's procedure as soon as is safely possible. We will keep you informed throughout. Your child will be given a bed space as soon as possible but may need to wait in our playroom for some time.

Jungle is a very busy daycare ward and we can see 20-30 booked children a day as well as our minor injury emergencies. We often have children going to several different theatres so please do not think we have "forgotten" your child, as they will be on a different list. Your nurse, doctor and anaesthetist will give you all the information you require but please ask if you are unclear about anything.

Going home

When your child has fully recovered from surgery you will be discharged home with any medicines needed and your next appointment if required. We do not provide painkillers for home use, so you should ensure you have children's paracetamol (eg Calpol) at home.

It usually takes around 2 hours after surgery for your child to be ready for home. We will give you contact numbers for queries and advice on keeping your child comfortable. We recognise this kind of event can be stressful for families but aim to make things happen as smoothly as possible.

**Information
for parents
and carers**

More information

The hospital website www.stgeorges.nhs.uk has more general information.

There are refreshments available on Jungle and several canteen/ café facilities within St Georges.

The hospital car park charges can be capped at £8/day.

Contact details

If you have any questions, Jungle ward telephone is 0208 725 2035 from 7.00am - 8.00pm.

Overnight you can contact the paediatric bed manager through the main switchboard:
020 8672 1255.

We look forward to meeting you and welcome any feedback.

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