

Gerry Frank Center for Children
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**Welcome to Pediatric Surgery
at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center**

Introduction

When your child is scheduled to have surgery or a medical procedure with anesthesia or sedation, we at the Gerry Frank Center for Children understand that this can be a stressful time for both parents and children. To make this event as comfortable as possible, we have designed a program to make you and your child feel welcomed and well-cared for at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center.

The following information will help guide and inform you of our process and services. Taking a moment to read this before your arrival will help ensure a successful experience on the day of your child's surgery or procedure.

Preparing Your Child for a Surgery or Procedure Upon Scheduling

First, pre-register with central access services by calling 503-216-9565.

Upon scheduling your child's surgery, we encourage you to take part in our family orientation led by a Child Life Specialist. Our Child Life Specialists have special expertise in educating children of all ages, and their families, about and preparing them for hospital experiences. During this orientation, you will be guided on a tour of the surgical room, and your child will become acquainted with the sights, sounds, smells and events that he or she is likely to encounter on the day of the surgery or procedure. Special attention is given to the unique emotional and developmental needs of each child. This orientation helps to decrease fear and anxiety for both you and your child. It is free and open to the entire family.

For more information or to schedule an orientation appointment, please call our Child Life office at 503-216-2298.



One Week Prior to Your Child's Surgery or Procedure

- We will mail a postcard to you indicating your expected time of arrival. (Please note that the postcard will indicate the time you should arrive, not the time the surgery or procedure is scheduled.) Arrival time is usually 1-1/2 hours before the surgery or procedure. In the event you do not receive this postcard, please contact your doctor's office to check on your expected time of arrival.
- If your doctor arranges blood testing prior to surgery, enter the main entrance, on the main floor next to admitting, to locate the Providence St. Vincent laboratory. Please call our laboratory if you have any questions at 503-216-7810.
- If within two days of the scheduled surgery or procedure date your child becomes sick with cold symptoms, fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, PLEASE contact your doctor.

We look forward to caring for you and your family!

