

## Surgical Dictionary for Kids

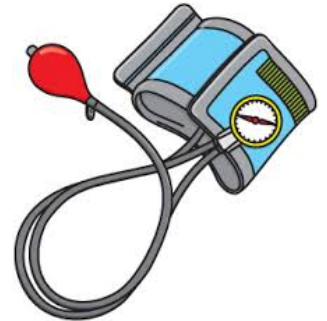
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### **Anesthesia:**

Anesthesia is medicine that helps you stay asleep during an operation. It also makes sure that you don't feel any pain while you are asleep. Anesthesia is either a kind of gas (or air) you breathe through a mask, or it's a liquid that gets injected into your veins through an IV.

### **Blood Pressure Cuff:**

A blood pressure cuff is a piece of cloth a doctor or nurse will wrap around your arm to make sure that your heart is doing a good job pumping blood through your body. The blood pressure cuff will blow up like a balloon and get a little bit tight around your arm just like a big hug.



### **Blood Test:**

A blood test is when a nurse or doctor uses a tiny needle to take out a little bit of blood to look at. This might feel like a little pinch, or might be taken through in IV.



### **Child Life Specialist:**

A fun teacher that helps you understand what is going to happen while you are in the hospital and helps you not be worried. They have toys and fun things to play with while you are in the hospital. They wear pink!

### **Doctor:**

A doctor is a special person that works in the hospital to help you feel better or to make sure you are healthy. He sometimes wears a silly hat and mask.

### **Germs:**

Germs are tiny living things that get inside your body. They are so small that you can't even see them, but they are everywhere. Germs can make you feel sick in different ways.



### **I.V.:**

An I.V. is a small plastic tube, like a straw, that gets gently inserted into a vein in your body. This tiny tube carries liquid medicine into your body that will help you feel better. Sometimes, the nurse may leave the tube in your arm for a while, so they can use it again.

### **MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging):**

An MRI is a machine that takes special pictures of the inside of your body, like your stomach, your brain or your heart. In order to take this



picture, you need to lie still on a table inside the MRI machine. Some children can lie still on their own, while others take medicine to help them lie still. Taking the MRI picture does not hurt, but the machine is very noisy. You can listen to music or watch a show while the picture is being taken.

### **Nurse:**

A nurse is a special person that takes care of you while you are in the hospital.

### **Name Bands:**

Name bands are given to each patient. They help the hospital staff know who each patient is and tells important information about them. They are placed either on the patient's arm, or in younger patients, they placed on the patient's ankle.



### **Operation or Surgery:**

An operation is where an "incision" or small cut is made in your body to fix something inside of you or to see if there's a problem. The doctor might also take out or repair something from inside your body that is making you sick.

*Older children will need more details on their specific operation.*



### **Otoscope:**

An otoscope is a little flashlight with a special earpiece. The doctor uses an otoscope to look in your ears or inside your mouth. It does not hurt at all when the doctor does this, but it might tickle. Say Ahhh!

### **Pulse Ox:**

A pulse Ox looks like a band-aid with a white cord attached. It goes on your finger or toe and shows the doctors and nurses how much air is in your blood. It may have a little red light on it, and it does not hurt a bit.



### **Stethoscope:**

A stethoscope is a special tool the doctor uses to listen to your heart and lungs. It makes the sound louder, which helps your doctor to hear better. Ask the doctor if you can listen too!



### **Stitches:**

However, sometimes cuts that are very deep or don't stop bleeding by themselves need stitches to make sure they heal. If you need stitches, a doctor or nurse will give you an injection of medicine to make sure your skin won't feel them. Then they will use a very thin piece of thread to sew your cut closed. When the cut is healed, the stitches are removed. That feels funny, but it does not hurt.

### **X-ray**

An x-ray is special kind of camera that takes a picture of things inside your body. This picture is usually of your bones.

