



NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S
When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.

Helping Hand™

Health Education for Patients and Families

Eye Surgery Under Anesthesia – Instructions

A nurse will call you the day before the surgery to tell you what time it will start, and what time to arrive.

**A parent or legal guardian
MUST come with the patient
on the day of surgery.**

Before the Surgery

- The nurse will call you to ask you questions about your child's health.
- The nurse will tell you when to stop giving your child food and liquids, when to get to the hospital, and the time of the surgery.
- Do not eat gum, cough drops, and hard candy. If your child has been chewing gum, surgery will be delayed 2 hours from the time the gum is spit out. If the gum has been swallowed, surgery will be delayed up to 8 hours from the time it was swallowed.

Patient's name: _____
Surgery date: _____
Surgeon(s): _____
Post-Op Appointment Date and Time: _____

Please check in at the Surgery Center or Unit when you arrive at the main hospital. You will be directed where to go.

☐ **Outpatient**

Patients are admitted for surgery and go home within 4 to 8 hours after.

- **Surgery Center**
Phone: (614) 722-2920
- **Surgery Unit**
Phone: (614) 722-5200

☐ **Inpatient**

Patients are admitted and have surgery on the same day. They are usually discharged before 8:00 a.m. the following morning.

- **Surgery Unit**
Phone: (614) 722-5200

If you have any questions or need to reschedule, please call **(614) 722-4075**.

- **Follow the guidelines given by the nurse.** If these guidelines are not followed, the patient's surgery will need to be rescheduled.
- If your child has been treated for bronchitis or pneumonia in the past 6 weeks, develops a chest cold or fever, or has been exposed to a contagious disease, please call:

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- Your follow-up appointment will be confirmed on the day of surgery. Please call if you are not able to keep this appointment.