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INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR SURGERY

You will be contacted one day prior to surgery with the expected time of your child's surgery. Please be at the facility 2 hours before surgery.

Your child must have an empty stomach when receiving an anesthetic. Therefore, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that your child follow these instructions to ensure his or her safety. If these instructions are **not** followed, your child's surgery will be delayed or cancelled. **We also ask the parents to please bring an extra set of clothes in case of any accidents.**

If your child is **under six (6) months old**:

1. Your child must not be fed any food, milk or formula for **six (6) hours** prior to **arrival** at the hospital.
2. If you are breast feeding your child, you may continue to do so up to **four (4) hours** prior to **arrival** at the hospital.
3. **Two (2) hours** prior to **arrival** at the hospital, you may offer your child up to four (4) ounces of clear liquids. This includes apple juice, water, Pedialyte, Kool-aid and Gatorade.
Note: Milk, formula and orange juice are **not** clear liquids.
4. You may continue giving any necessary medications during any of the above times.

If your child is **six (6) months or older**:

1. Your child must not be fed any food, milk or formula for **eight (8) hours** prior to **arrival** at the hospital.
2. Your child may have clear liquids up to **four (4) hours** prior to **arrival** at the hospital. This includes apple juice, water, Pedialyte, Kool-aid, and Gatorade.
Note: milk, formula and orange juice are **not** clear liquids.
3. You may continue giving any necessary medications during any of the above times with a minimal amount of water (1 – 2 tablespoons).