

# Being with my Child in the Recovery Room

#### **Education Information for Patients and Families**

### What is the Recovery Room?

The Recovery Room is one big room where children wake up from surgery. Sometimes we bring parents to the Recovery Room to be with their child.

#### What will I see?

These are some things you may see:

- Wires connected from your child to a monitor
- A breathing tube may be in your child's mouth
- An oxygen mask may be on your child's face
- A nurse will be taking care of your child
- An IV tube may be in your child's arm or leg
- The nurse may use a tube to suction your child's mouth

#### What will I hear?

- Beeping from monitors
- Other children crying as they wake up
- Nurses and doctors taking care of other children

### How will my child wake up?

Every child is different. Your child may still be very sleepy. Your child's eyes may move in different directions before waking up all the way. Some children wake up fussy or crying.

### How can I help my child?

- Comfort and speak calmly to your child
- Give your child your full attention
- Tell the nurse what is normal for your child
- Your nurse can give medicine as ordered by the doctor.

## Where can I go once I'm in the Recovery Room?

We need you to stay right by your child, behind the curtain. We respect the privacy of every child. Ask your nurse if you need to leave. Your nurse will help you when it is time to leave with your child.

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