

Tracking Where Your Child is in the Surgery or Procedure Process

The Patient Tracking Board and Family Waiting Room Attendant are two helpful resources to track where your child is in the surgery or procedure process. This handout tells you how these two resources can help and how to use them.

Patient Tracking Board

Once you and your child get to the Treatment Center on the day of their surgery or procedure, you will notice **Patient Tracking Boards** in the waiting areas. These boards tell you where your child is in the surgery or procedure process at any time.

Your child's name will be displayed on the Patient Tracking Board using the first three letters of their last and first names. For example, if your child's name is John Smith, it will appear as **Smi Joh**. We do this to protect their privacy.

Here is what the other information on the Patient Tracking Board means:

- **Patient in Procedure Room:** Your child is in the Operating Room.
- **Proc Start:** The procedure has started.
- **Proc Finish:** The surgeon is finished with the procedure. Your child may not be ready to come out of the operating room right away. This is because the anesthesiologist is still helping them wake up and giving them any medicine they may need.
- **Patient Out of Procedure Room:** Your child is on their way to the Recovery Room, Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU), or Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU).
- **In PACU:** Your child has arrived in the Recovery Room but is often still under the effects of anesthesia. It may take up to **45 to 60 minutes** from when your child arrives in the Recovery Room before you go in and see your child. Our goal is to get you back with your child as soon as possible. Once your child is settled, a staff member will come and take you to the Recovery Room.
- **In Radiology:** Your child is getting an MRI or CT scan.
- **Out Radiology:** Your child is done in Radiology.
- **Not Ready:** Your child is **not ready** for their **2 selected bedside visitors**.
- **Ready:** Your child is ready for their **2 selected bedside visitors**.

If you leave the Treatment Center while you are waiting, we will ask you for your phone number so we can reach you.



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Updates during and after your child's surgery or procedure

If you have any questions during or after your child's surgery or procedure, you can ask the Family Waiting Room Attendant.

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