

PARENTAL PRESENCE AT ANAESTHESIA INDUCTION

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES

What is the Parental Presence at Induction (PPI) Program?

- Offers an education session and/or tour of Day Surgery and the Operating Room that will help you and your child get ready for the surgery experience.
- Encourages and supports a parent/caregiver's involvement in his/her child's care.
- Provides a parent/caregiver the opportunity to be with his/her child throughout the entire surgery experience, including being present in the Operating Room until his/her child is asleep.

How does the program work?

- Discuss with your child's Surgeon the possibility of participating in the Parental Presence at Induction Program.
- The Surgeon's office will arrange a Pre-Admission Clinic (PAC) visit or provide you with the information to arrange an education session/tour for children 2 to 8 years of age.
- The parent/caregiver who will be accompanying the child into the Operating Room must attend a PAC visit or PPI Program with the child at least one week prior to the scheduled elective surgery.
- Once the PAC visit or PPI Program is complete, the parent/caregiver will sign a PPI request form. This acknowledges that the parent/caregiver has completed the session and has been accepted into the program.
- On the day of surgery, the parent/caregiver and child meet with a Nurse and Child Life Specialist to further get ready for the surgery and PPI experience.
- The parent/caregiver will be given hospital clothing (i.e., shirt, pants, hat, mask and shoe covers) to wear into the Operating Room.
- The parent/caregiver will comfort and support the child in the Operating Room until the child is asleep, or at the point where he/she is no longer aware of the parent/caregiver's presence.
- The parent/caregiver must leave the Operating Room at any time when requested to do so by the Anaesthesiologist or Surgeon.
- The parent/caregiver can later support the child in the Post Anaesthesia Care Unit and/or Post-Operative Day Surgery Unit and later at home or in the hospital.

**For more information about Parental Presence at Induction,
please contact Child Life Services at (519) 685-8368.**