



Micky Needs Surgery



Beacon Children's Hospital Child Life Department
Outpatient Surgery Social Story





Micky is having
surgery today.

What does **surgery** mean?

A special doctor makes an opening on a part of the body that needs to be taken out or fixed to get better because it isn't working.

Where does Micky go for surgery?

The surgical center is in a special part of the hospital, on the 2nd floor, just for children and adults who need surgery to feel better.

Why does Micky need to get surgery?

Some children need special help from doctors and nurses before going home.

How long will Micky be at the hospital?

It is different for everyone, but Micky's surgery is an **outpatient** or **same day** surgery, so the doctors and nurses work really hard to take care of him, so that he can go home in the same day.



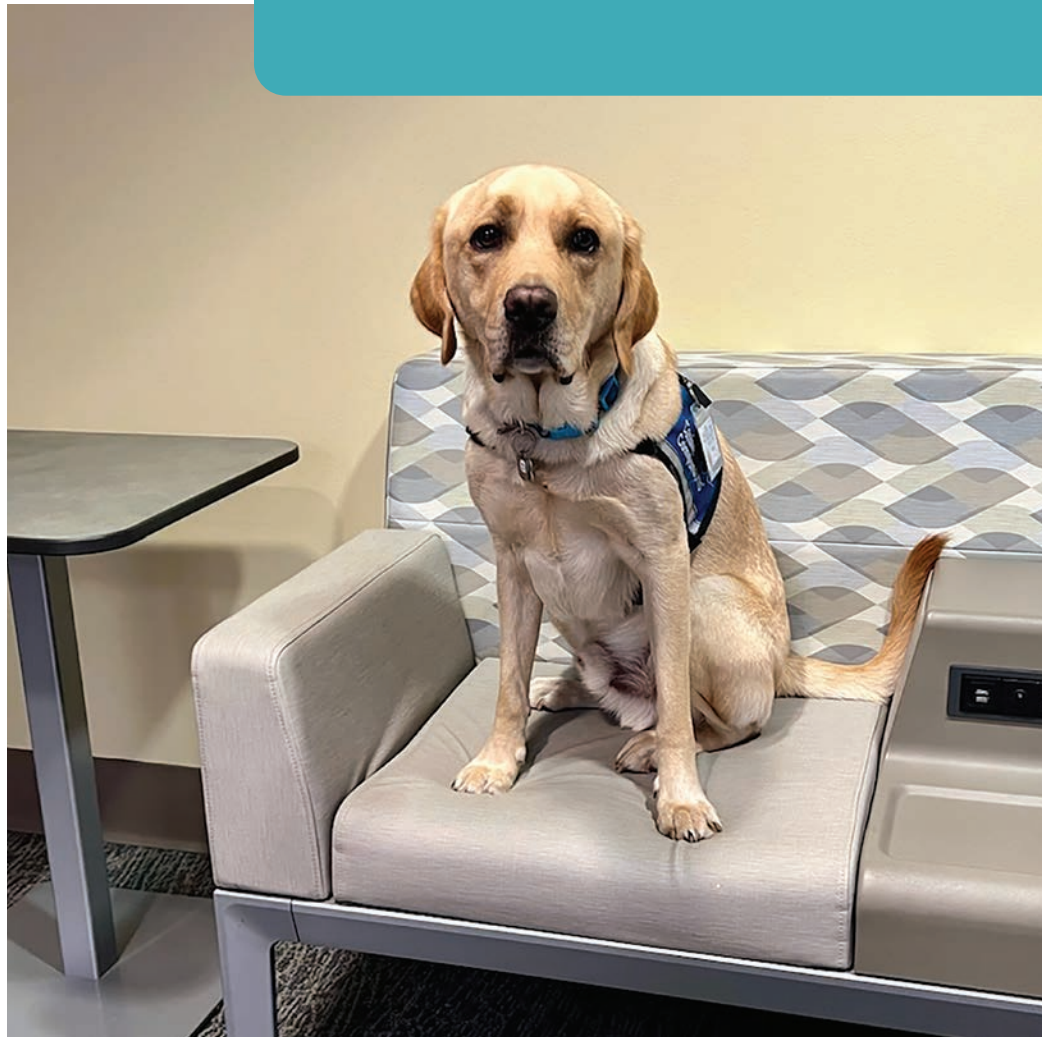


When Micky arrives at the hospital, he takes the elevator to the 2nd floor.

Micky checks in at the desk, and he gets to wear a bracelet. His grown-up gets one too.



Micky waits in a waiting room until it's his turn.



When it is his turn, the nurse calls his name. His grown-up gets to come with him.

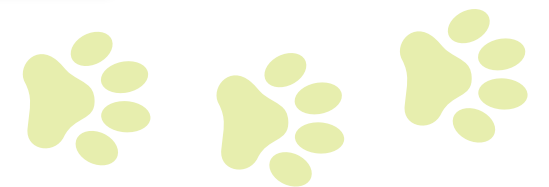




The doctors and nurses need to know more about Micky's body to help keep him safe.



Micky stands on a scale so the nurse knows how much he weighs. His job is to stay still.





Micky stands against the wall so the nurse knows how tall he is.

The nurse uses a thermometer to measure how warm the inside of Micky's body is. His job is to stay still.





Next, Micky goes to his **Pre-Op** room. His grown-up can still come with him.

The nurse will check how blood is moving through Micky's body by using a blood pressure cuff. It feels like a big hug around his arm.





The nurse uses a special tool called a **stethoscope** to listen to Micky's heartbeat. This helps her know how his heart is working.



Micky wears special pajamas called a **gown** to help everyone in the operating room stay safe. His grown-up will keep his clothes with them.





Micky meets a lot of people who ask questions to get to know him better. Micky's job is to ask any questions he has for the doctors and nurses.



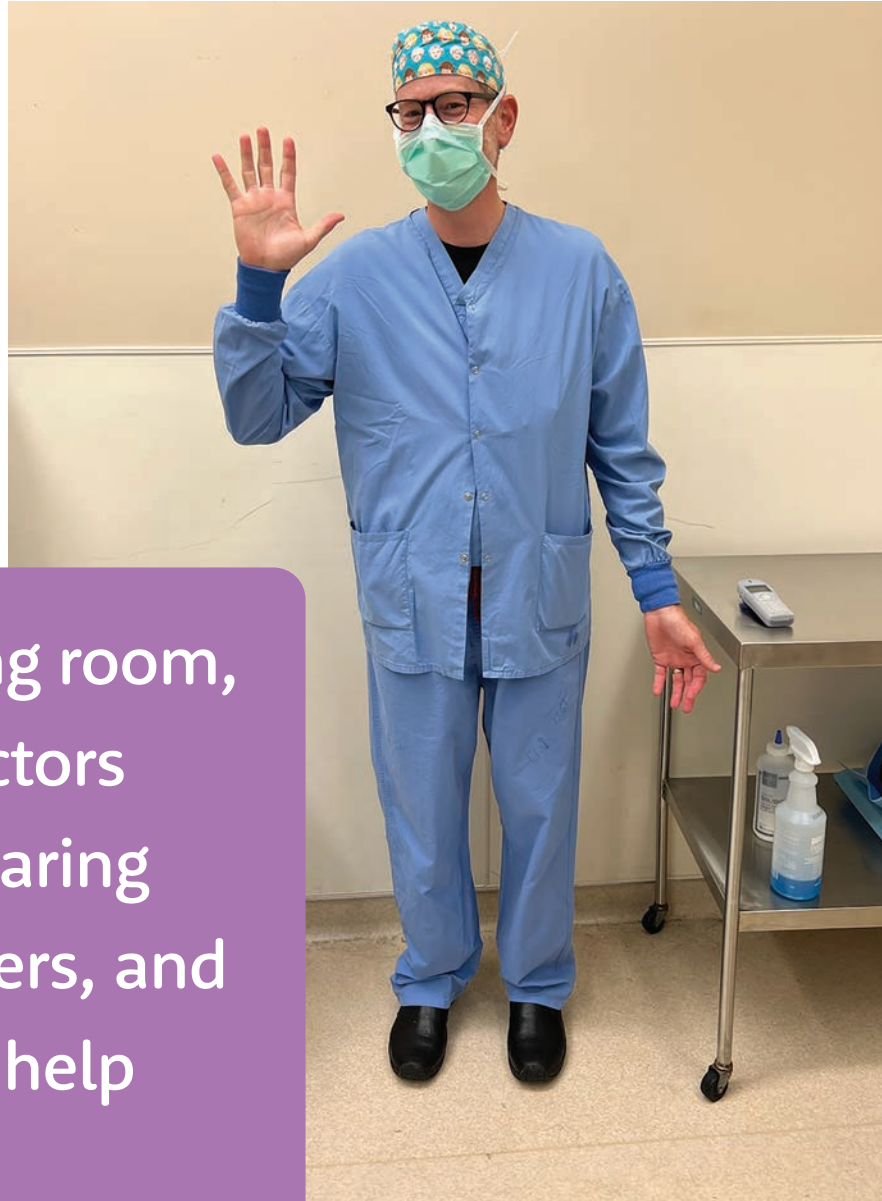
Micky meets a special doctor called an **anesthesiologist**.



The anesthesiologist gives Micky sleepy air called **anesthesia** and makes sure that he stays asleep during surgery.



When it is Micky's turn for the doctor to help him, he gives hugs, kisses, or high-fives to his grown-up. She will wait for him in the waiting room.



In the operating room, Micky sees doctors and nurses wearing hats, shoe covers, and blue outfits to help keep the room really clean.



Micky's job is to sit on a different bed that is next to a green balloon.



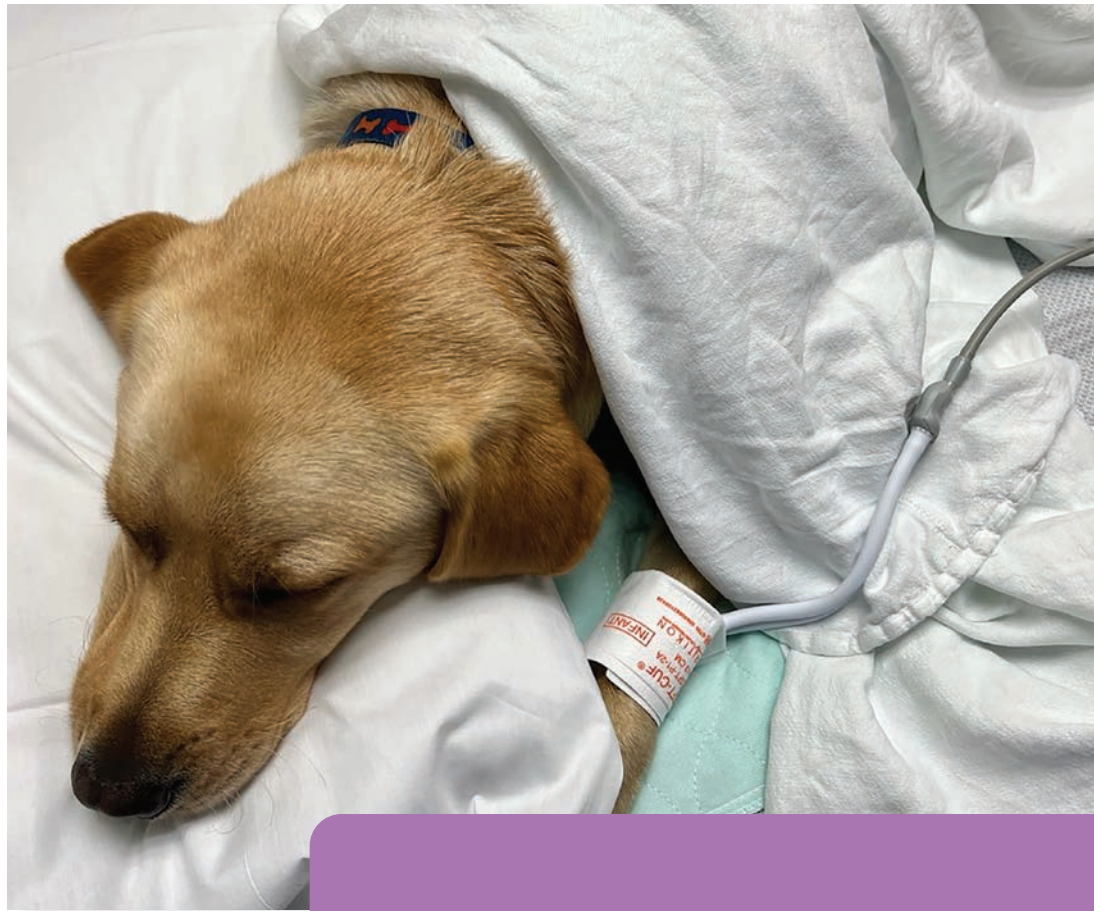


Micky breathes sleepy air through a special mask that covers his nose and mouth. The mask might smell like cherries, strawberries, or bubble-gum!



Micky's doctor talks to his grown-up in a special room when they are all done.

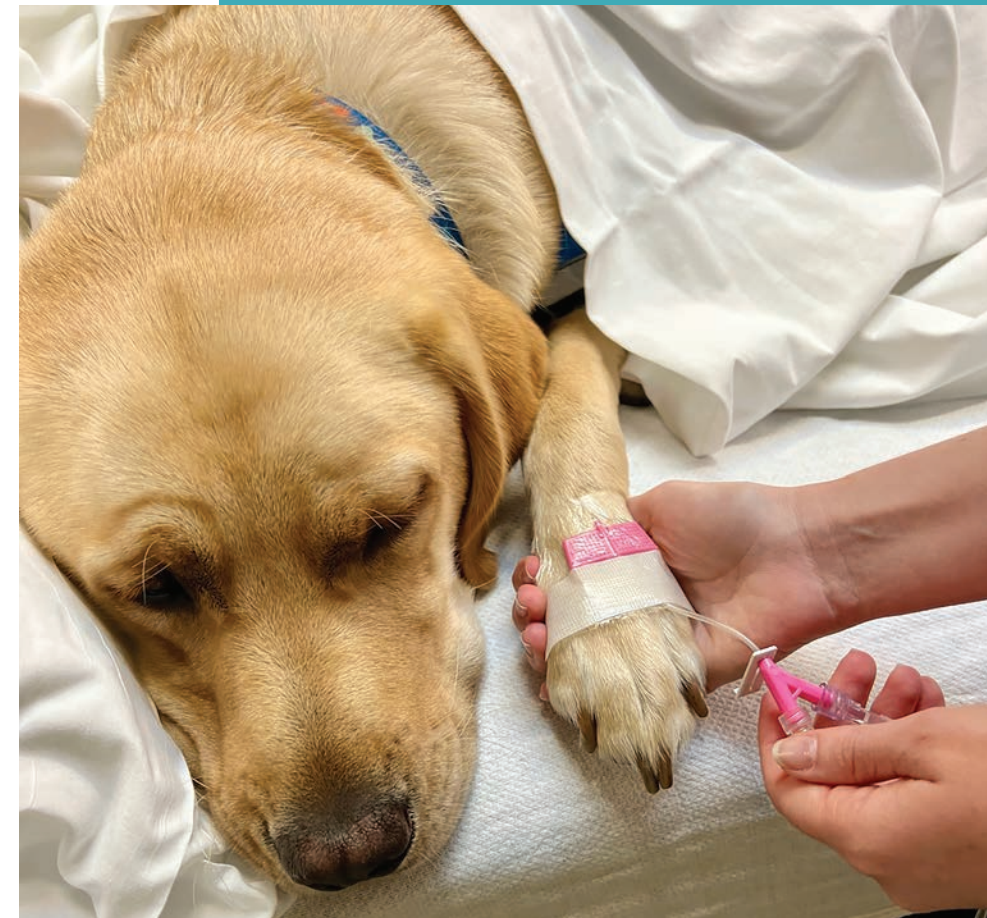




Micky is done with surgery. He wakes up in the **Wake-Up Room** or **PACU**. His job is to tell the nurse how he is feeling.



Micky has an **I.V.** in his hand to help his body get medicine and drinks of water quickly while he's at the hospital.

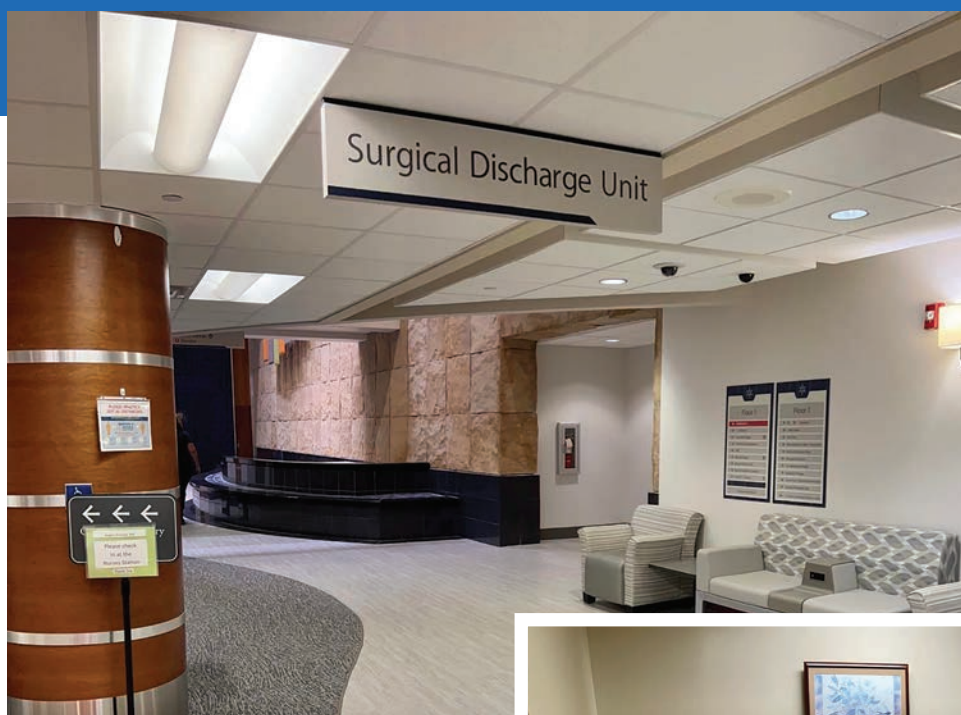


The **I.V.** is a tiny straw, connected to a tube. It is covered by a clear bandage.

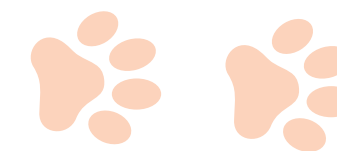


Micky sees a blue tube near his face. It blows air to help him wake up.

Micky will go to the **Surgical Discharge Unit** to keep resting. His grown-up will go with him.



Micky's grown-up stays with him now that he is awake. He also gets to sip water now.





The nurse takes off the Band-Aid covering his I.V., slides out the tiny straw, and puts a new Band-Aid on before Micky goes home. Micky's job is to keep really still.

The nurse says it's okay to go home. Micky may still feel a little sleepy, but that's normal.






Micky gets to ride in a wheelchair to the car. Now his job is to get a lot of rest at home!



Micky thanks you for joining him today!





 **The End**

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