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My Dental General Anaesthetic

Photo story for undergoing dental treatment at Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust in the Oral, Facial and Orthodontic Unit, Treliske Hospital, Truro TR1 3LJ

Call centre opening hours

Monday - Thursday
8.30am - 5.00pm

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1. No food or drink

My tummy must be empty.

I must not eat for 6 hours before my appointment.

I must not drink for 1 hour before my appointment.

If I am over 18 I must not drink for 2 hours before my appointment.



2. Ametop (magic) cream – at home

I will have magic cream on the back of my hands.

I must do this at least 45 minutes before my appointment.

I must wear gloves to keep my hands warm.



3. Treliske Hospital Main Entrance – Trelawny Wing

I will bring 2 adults with me to Treliske Hospital in Truro. We will park in the main car park.

We will go through the Trelawny Wing.

We can use the lift or stairs to go to the ground floor.

We will go to the Oral, Facial and Orthodontic Unit.



4. Another car parking area (short stay)

Or I will bring 2 adults with me to Treliske Hospital in Truro.

We will park by the Link Entrance.

We will go through this door and turn left.

We will walk up the corridor to the Oral, Facial and Orthodontic Unit.



5. Entrance to Oral, Facial and Orthodontic Unit

We will arrive here.

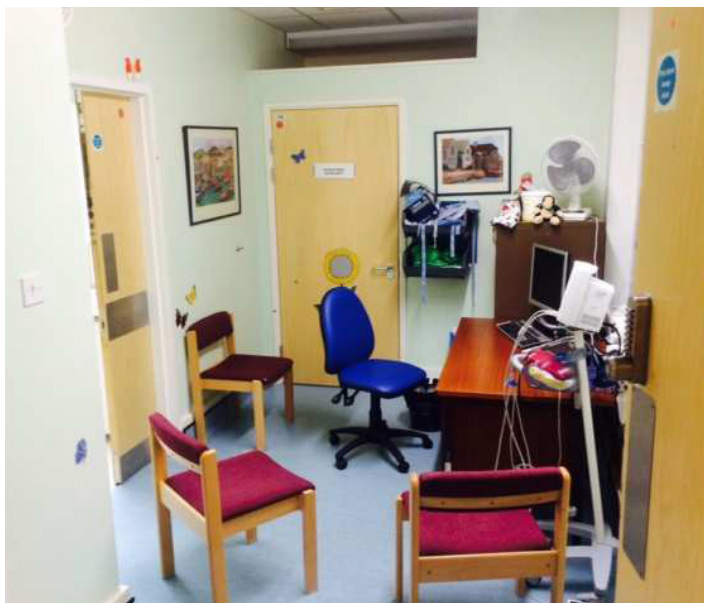
This is where I will have my poorly teeth cleaned, mended and / or removed.



6. Oral Surgery waiting room

I will tell the receptionist my name and sit down in the waiting room.

I may have to wait for a while. I can read or play games in the waiting area while I am waiting.



7. Consenting room

I will meet a nurse who will talk to me and my family or carers.

I will get a band on my wrist with my name on it.

The nurse will weigh me on the scales.

The nurse will check that I have not eaten or had a drink.



8. Consenting room – anaesthetic team

I will meet the anaesthetist, who will tell me about having an anaesthetic.

The anaesthetist may give me a drink to help me feel calm and relaxed.

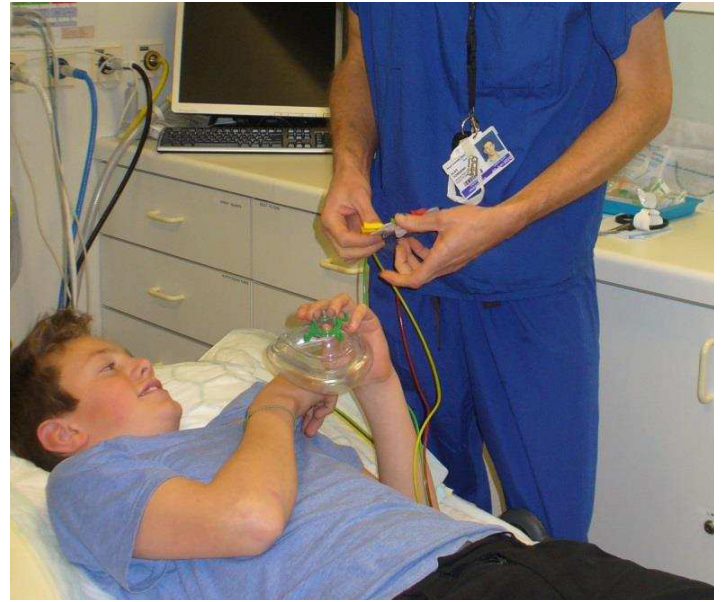
The drink takes a few minutes to work.

The dentist will check my teeth.



9. Anaesthetic room

I will go into the anaesthetic room.
I will lie on the bed.



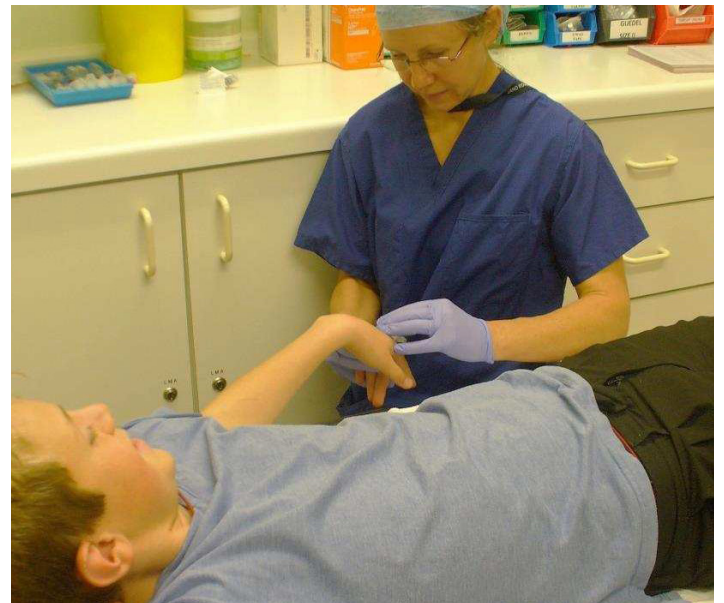
10. Anaesthetic room - monitoring

The anaesthetist and Operating Department Practitioner will look after me while I am asleep.
I will wear a peg on my finger and stickers on my chest.
When I wake up I will still have these on.



11. Anaesthetic room - cleaning my hand

My hand will be cleaned where the magic cream has been.



12. Anaesthetic room - cannulation

Medicines will be put into a tiny tube in my hand.
They work very quickly.
I will go to sleep.



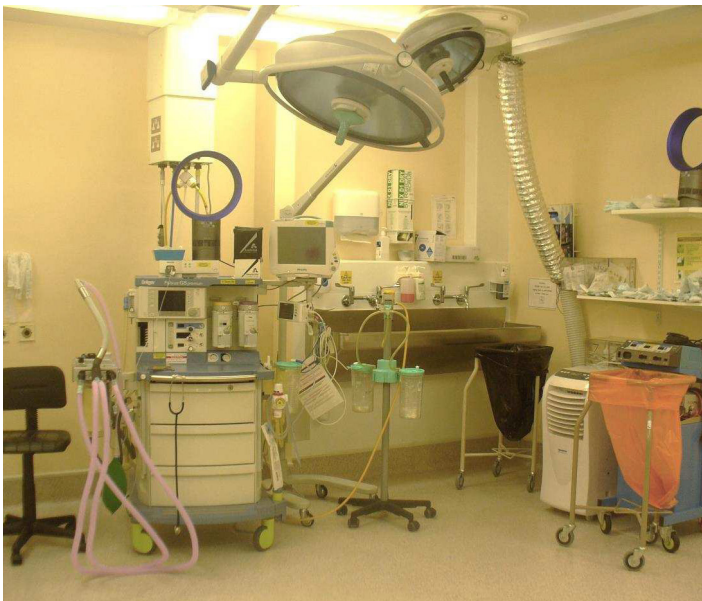
13. Anaesthetic room - gaseous induction

Or the anaesthetist will ask me to breathe sleepy air from a mask or tube.



14. Anaesthetic room – going to sleep

The gases will make me feel tired and sleepy.
They smell like nail varnish.
They take a while to work.
I will go to sleep.



15. Treatment room (theatre)

This is the room where the dentist will mend, clean and / or take out my teeth.
I will be asleep in this room.
I will not see this room.



16. Dental treatment

The dentist may mend some teeth.
Fillings can be metal or white.
The dentist will clean my teeth.
The dentist may remove my poorly teeth.
I will have a gap.
I may have a denture later.



17. Blood tests

My doctor may ask the anaesthetist to do blood tests or other tests when I am asleep.



18. Recovery room

I will wake up after my operation.
This is the room where I will wake up.



19. Recovery room

The nurses look after me as I am waking up.
The nurses will Hoover in my mouth.
The nurses will give me medicine if I feel sore or sick.



20. Recovery room - waking up

I may have a rest for a while.
When I am more awake I can move to the next room.



21. Recovery room

I will feel sleepy.

I may have a funny taste in my mouth.

My mouth may feel funny.

I can see my family or carers.



22. Second stage recovery

– getting ready to go home

I can sit in the big chair, my wheelchair or have a cuddle.

I can have a rest.

My family or carers will be with me.

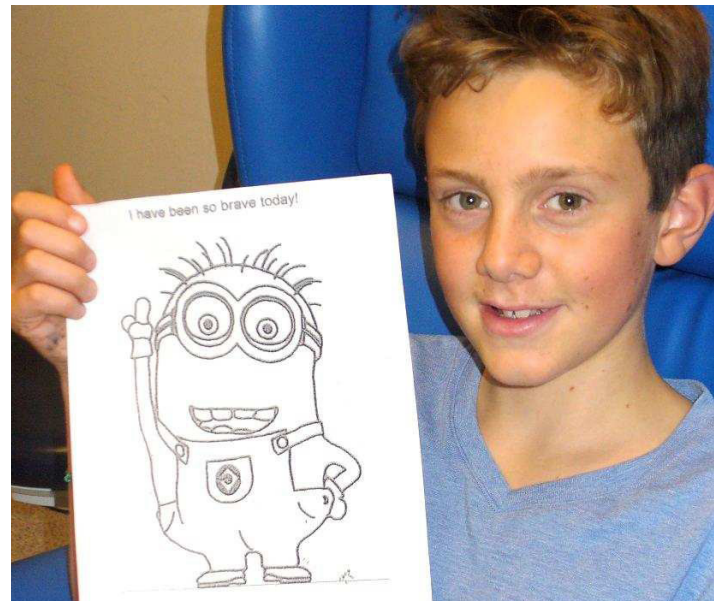


23. Second stage recovery

– having a drink

I can have a drink.

The anaesthetist and nurses will tell me when it is time to go home.



24. Well done. I am now ready to go home.

I have done well. My family or carers will take me home. Well done.