

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR DOCTOR

Apel, M. Let's Talk About When You Have to Have Your Appendix Out. Simple text explains the procedure for having your appendix out. j 617.5 Apel

Bennett, H. Harry Goes To The Hospital. This story follows Harry (with his Mom and Dad) through the experience of going to the hospital. Harry doesn't like having to meet lots of new people, getting poked with needles, and staying the night in a strange place, all the while feeling sick to his tummy. But with his parents' comfort and the help of lots of doctors, nurses, and other people, Harry learns that the hospital doesn't have to be a big, scary place.
j 362.198 Bennett

Brazelton, T. Going to the Doctor. A pediatrician tells what happens when a child goes to the doctor for a check-up, with explanations of the instruments and procedures that will be encountered. j 618.92 B827

Civardi, A. Going To The Hospital. This book introduces young children, in an amusing and friendly way, to the experience of going to the hospital. The gently humorous illustrations are full of things for children to look at, learn from and talk about, and the simple text will enable slightly older children to read the books for themselves. j PAR PIC Civardi

Cousins, L. Maisy Goes to the Hospital. When Maisy hurts herself on a trampoline, she goes to the hospital, where she is taken care of and meets a new friend. jP Cousins

Elmo Visits The Doctor. Elmo has an earache, a fever, and a stuffy nose to boot. That's got him singing the blues. Elmo soon learns that going to the doctor can help make aches and pains feel better. j DVD Elmo

Gordon, M. Let's Talk About When You Have to Have Your Tonsils Out. Discusses where and what the tonsils are, how they become infected, why some people have to have them removed, and what happens during a tonsillectomy. j 617.532 Gordon

Hatkoff, J. Good-bye tonsils! Juliana has had a series of sore throats, and her doctor decides to remove her tonsils. She works up to the pending procedure by reading books and talking with a friend who has had multiple operations. The night before the ordeal, the family celebrates with a party. The authors work slowly through the day of the tonsillectomy, breaking down the schedule of events and acknowledging the child's fear.
j PAR PIC Hatkoff

Howe, J. The Hospital Book. A guide to a stay in the hospital discussing what happens there, the people one meets, what will hurt and how one gets better and goes home.
j 362.11 H856

Johnston, M. Let's Talk About Going to the Hospital. Johnston emphasizes the fact that the people who work in a hospital are caring individuals whose main goal is to help people get well. The text stresses that even though shots and some tests may hurt slightly, they are only done for the patients' good. Opening with what to pack and procedures involved in checking into the hospital, the book then offers short two-page sections that describe meals, IV tubes, blood tests, anesthesia, and surgery. j 362.11 Johnston

Karim, R. This is a Hospital, Not a Zoo! This amusing story begins with a trumpeting delivery man loudly taking a package to Filbert MacFee, who is in the hospital. The boy is frustrated because he wants to go home and the nurses say he must stay a little longer. When the box arrives with magic animal crackers inside, he eats one and changes into a rhino when it is time for a shot. Nurse Beluga gives him one anyway. When Filbert is taken to X-ray, he is so cold that he changes into a penguin. Further appropriate transformations follow until kindly Doctor Kebob decides that his patient is homesick and just needs to be released. jP Karim

London, J. Froggy Goes to the Doctor. Froggy isn't looking forward to his check-up because he might get a shot but when it's over and he's pronounced a very healthy frog, Dr. Mugwort is the one who dreads Froggy's next visit. jP London

Rey, H.A. Curious George Goes to the Hospital. Alas, that lively monkey, George, has gotten into mischief once again. In this story, George must be taken to the hospital for an operation. George cries when separated from the Man with the Yellow Hat and screeches at his first glimpse of a needle. Through his eyes (and the colorful illustrations), children receive a sense of the hospital experience and enjoy a happy ending when a healthy George returns home with his friend. jP Rey

Wild, M. Going Home. Hugo is hospital-bound and bored. While the other children play cards and watch TV, the noises of a nearby zoo fuel Hugo's imagination and he travels on extraordinary adventures through rain forests and high mountains. Bright, bold illustrations add cheer and might offer an imaginary escape for a child spending time in the hospital. j PAR PIC Wild

Wells, R. Felix Feels Better. Felix feels bad and does not want to eat or play, so his mother takes him to Doctor Duck, who makes everything better. jP Wells