

## Having a General Anaesthetic a Photostory



**You will receive a letter telling you when need to come to hospital.**



**On the operation day you will come to the hospital entrance**



**This is the Main Entrance to the hospital.**



**There is also another entrance called the Tower Block Entrance**



**Ask at the reception for directions to the ward.**



**There are coloured signs to follow to help you find the way.**



**Make sure you use the hand gel before going onto the ward.**

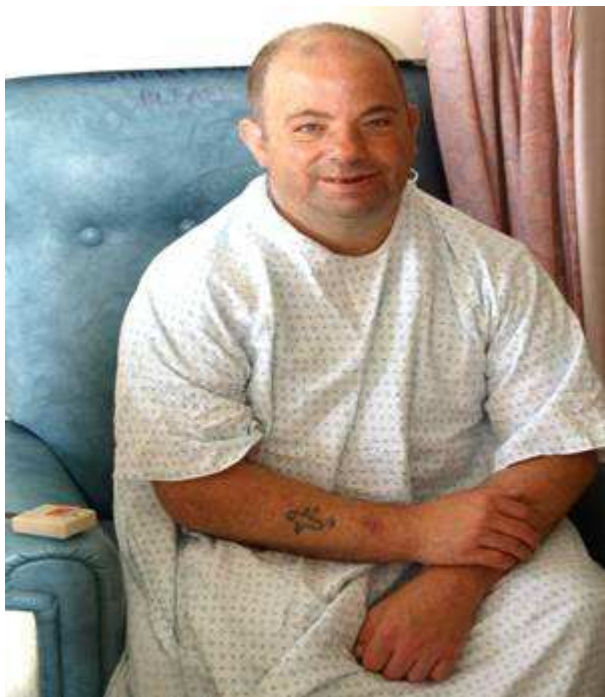


**When you get to the ward, you meet the ward clerk.**

**Tell them your name.**



**You will be shown to a comfy chair.**



**You will be given a gown to put on.**



**A name band will be put on your wrist**



**The name band tells every one who you are.**



**You cannot have anything to eat before an operation**



**You cannot have anything to drink before an operation**



**A nurse will take your blood pressure with a cuff the goes around your arm.**



**A Nurse will take your temperature with a thermometer**



**The nurse will use a peg on your finger to check your pulse and oxygen level.**



**You may have some medicine to make you feel more relaxed.**



**There is nurses call bell to press if you need any help**



**The nurses will come and ask if there is anything they can help you with.**



**The nurse will put some magic cream on your hand to numb them.**



**A sticky plaster is placed over the cream.**



**This will stop the cream from rubbing off.**



**The anaesthetist will come and meet you and ask you some questions.**





**He will listen to your chest to make sure your breathing is ok.**



**The Theatre staff will check your name bracelet to make sure it is right**



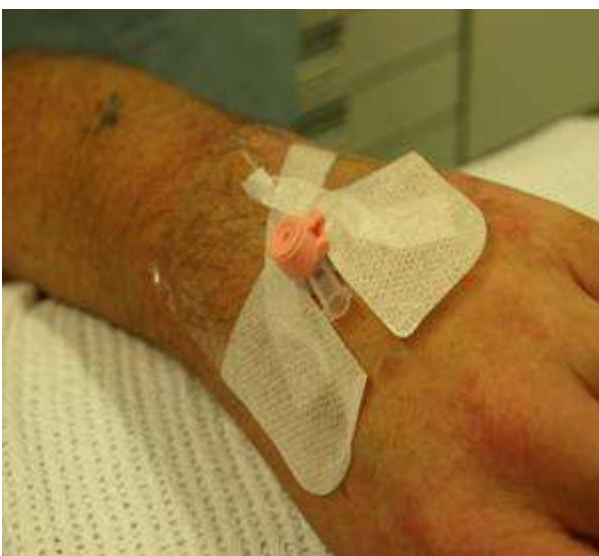
**You will be taken down to theatre on a trolley. Sometimes you can walk down**



**You will be met by a theatre nurse who will put some monitoring equipment on you.**



**The nurse will take the plaster and cream off the back of your hand.**



**The doctor will then put a cannula in with a needle. This will not hurt as the cream will have made the skin numb.**



**There will be lots of people in the anaesthetic room to talk to you and support you.**



**You will be given some air to breath through a mask.**



**The doctor will put some sleeping medicine into the straw into your hand to make you go to sleep.**



**After the operation you will be sleepy and will have a mask giving you oxygen.**



**There will be a nurse with you in the recovery room when you wake up.**



**You may still feel a little sleepy after the anaesthetic.**



**The nurses will talk to you to make sure you are feeling ok and not in pain.**

**You will then go back to the ward.**



**When you are feeling well enough you can finally have a cup of tea!!**



**When you are well you  
can go home!**

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