

Having a general anaesthetic

Information for patients

Easy Read



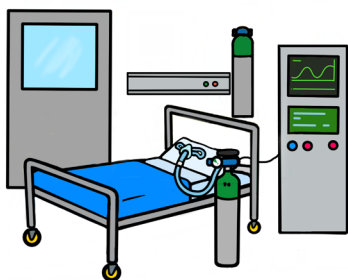
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This booklet uses easy words and pictures.

You might want to ask someone to help you read it.

anaesthetic room



You will go into an anaesthetic room.

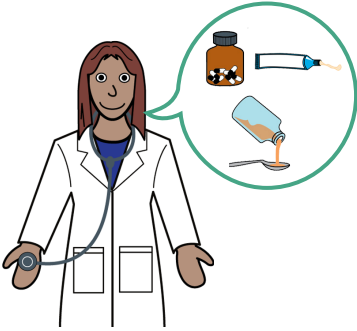
This is a small room with lots of machinery.

carer

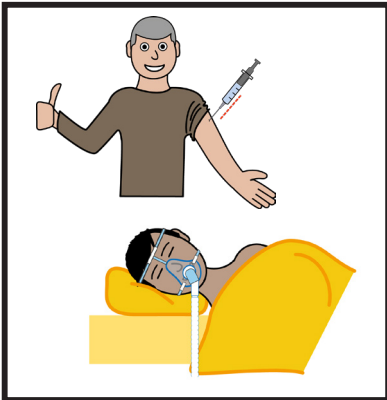


You can have a carer or loved one with you.

medication



The Doctor (who is called an Anaesthetist) will give you some medicine.



This might be through a mask or needle.

This medicine will make you relaxed.

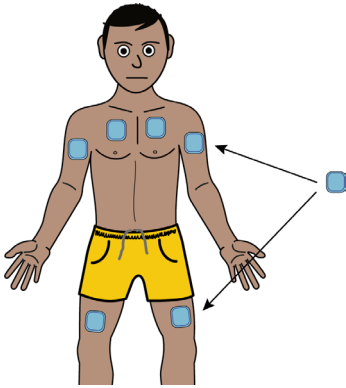
sleeping



It might make you sleepy.

It will mean you do not feel any pain during the operation or procedure.

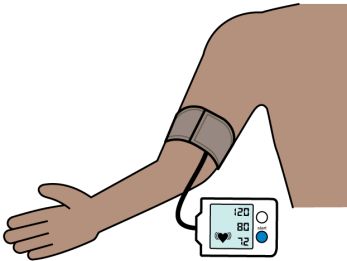
sticker



Sometimes they might put stickers and wires on your body.

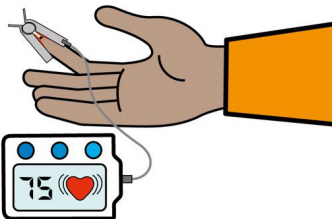
This will not hurt.

blood pressure



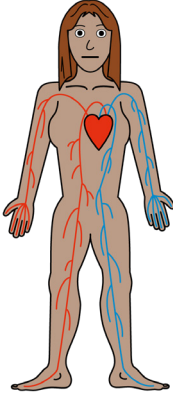
They might put a blood pressure cuff on your arm.

pulse oximeter

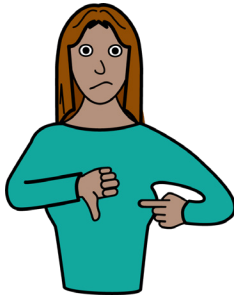


And a pulse oximetry monitor on your finger.

my body



dislike



recovery

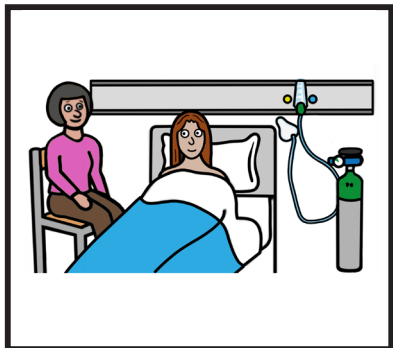


This is so they can see how your body is working during your treatment.

If you do not like these machines please let us know and we will try to help.

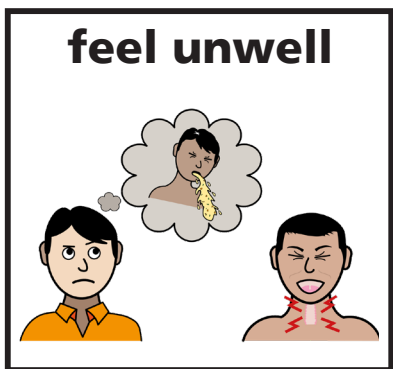
When the doctor has finished your treatment, you will be taken to the recovery area.

Your carer or loved one can be here with you.



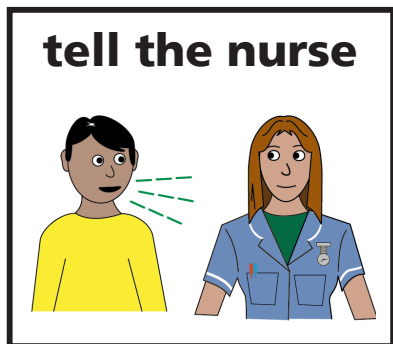
You will usually wake up here.

You might have an oxygen mask and blood pressure cuff on.



Sometimes you might feel sick or have a sore throat.

This is very common.



You can tell the nurses and they can give you medicines to help.

tea or coffee



When you are ready, they will get you something to eat and drink.

support going to the toilet



You need to have a wee.
Staff can help you if needed.

doctor



The doctor will come and see you and tell you what happens next.



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