



My Visit to Children's Mercy Hospital

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Hi, my name is Mercy Bear and I'm going to take you on a visit to Children's Mercy Hospital! Children's Mercy Hospital is where kids come when they get sick or hurt, or because they need medical attention to keep them as healthy and safe as possible.

This is the first place we will stop on our journey. This is the moon information desk. The volunteers working behind the desk answer the phones, help visitors find where they are going, and can answer questions. Volunteers work in many different areas of the hospital, and they usually have a special blue vest or coat on – just like the one in this picture.



Security officers help keep Children's Mercy Hospital a safe place by asking all adult visitors to sign their name and show a photo ID.





After you check in with the security guard, you will walk through the hospital's main lobby.

There are many fun things to look at here – make sure to look up at the sparkly birds and twinkling stars.



I am going to visit my friend Carey Bear. Carey is on one of the "inpatient units", which means she is staying overnight. She has her own room with a bed, TV, and bathroom just for her – let's go there now!



First I have to take the Castle Elevators to get to where Carey's room is. Here it is! Let's get on....



Here is the unit where Carey is staying. I have to push a button and say that I am here to see Carey before this door will open.



Here's the nursing desk. Since I'm a kid myself, the nurses want to make sure I am healthy before I visit Carey. They wouldn't want me to give Carey any germs. The nurses ask if I have felt sick, check my temperature, and give me a special apple sticker before showing me where Carey's room is. Here's a picture of the thermometer the nurse will use to check my temperature.



It is very important that I wash my hands when I go into Carey's room. The soap and water will wash all of the germs away. I like to sing the ABC's when I wash my hands. What song would you like to sing when you wash your hands?



Sometimes the nurses and doctors need to wear special clothes to keep germs from spreading. What special clothes does this doctor have on?

Gloves, mask, gown, and shoe covers!



Hi Carey! It's great to see you!

The beds in the hospital are different than the beds you and I might sleep in at home. They are different so that the nurses and doctors can keep Carey safe and take good care of her.



There are lots of interesting things I see in Carey's room. What are these things used for?



Comb – tissues – toothpaste – soap – slippers – medicine cup – heating pad – tape – cotton balls



While Carey is at the hospital, there are lots of things that go on – Carey and I want to show you some of those things.

First, the nurses or care assistants come and check on Carey a lot. They check Carey's temperature, blood pressure, and weight. Here is the nurse checking Carey's temperature.

Can you find the white band with a green line on Carey's arm? Do you know what this is? It's called a blood pressure cuff. That means it can tell the nurse or doctor how well the blood is moving in Carey's body. The blue box next to Carey is what the nurses or doctors look at to find this out..



Carey sits on the scale so the nurse can see how much she weighs.



Sometimes the doctor comes in Carey's room to check on Carey. Here the doctor is using an "otoscope" to look at Carey's ears.



Now the doctor uses an "ophthalmoscope" to look at Carey's eyes.

One more thing – the doctor uses a "stethoscope" for what?
To hear Carey's heartbeat!



Sometimes kids at the hospital have an IV. An IV is a tiny tube in your vein. The IV gives you medicine and fluids to help you feel better. Here's a picture of what Carey's IV looks like.



The nurse sets the blue machine you see in this picture to deliver the right amount of medicines and fluids through Carey's IV. The blue machine makes noises sometimes.



In this picture, Carey is wearing another tube right under her nose. This tube helps Carey breathe better by bringing fresh, clean air (called oxygen) right to Carey's nose.

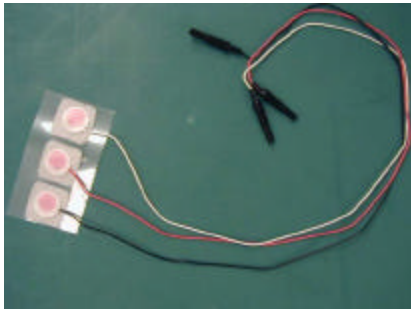




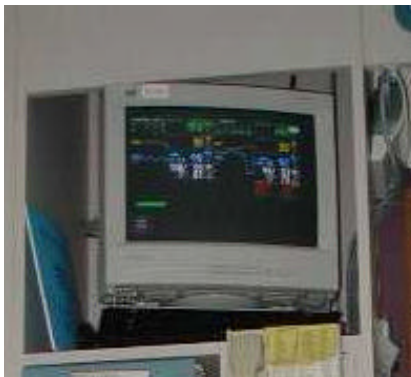
Here Carey is wearing some special stickers like some kids might have to wear at the hospital. These stickers do not hurt. They tell the nurses and doctors how fast Carey's heart is beating and how fast Carey is breathing.



Can you point to where the stickers would be on you?



These stickers have long cords on them. Each sticker has a different color cord. What colors do you see?



The cords plug into this TV that is called a monitor. This monitor is where the nurses and doctors look to see how fast Carey's heart is beating and how fast the Carey is breathing.

Sometimes, Carey goes other places in the hospital. She uses a wheelchair or a wagon to go to those other places.



Here are some of the places Carey might visit:



Playroom

Gift Shop



Kreamer Family Resource Center

Cafeteria





Bye Carey! Thanks for showing us around! That was a great visit!



And thank you for coming with me to see Children's Mercy Hospital!

Love,

Mercy Bear