

Preparing to go to hospital for General Anaesthesia (GA)

Children over 6 months should have no food or drink (including milk and water) 6 hours before the operation.

You will need to bring:

- > Medicare card, concession card or private health fund card
- > Any medication your child is taking – including asthma medication
- > Change of clothes & nappies
- > A bottle of milk for after the operation (if bottle fed)
- > Personal health record

The hospital will let you know when to arrive. Children will be seen in the order they are booked in, not in the order they arrive. If there are any delays, hospital staff will let you know.

At the hospital

- > A nurse will check your details and explain the process for the day.
- > An anaesthetist will check your child and ask you to sign a consent form.
- > A dental officer may also check your child and ask you to sign a consent form.

Any operation or GA carries some risk. Your anaesthetist will be able to discuss any concerns you have.

One parent or carer can walk with their child to the theatre holding bay. They may stay in the anaesthetic room until their child is asleep.

While your child is asleep, you will be asked to remain in the child's ward/ parent room.

After the procedure, your child will be taken to recovery and once recovered returned to the ward.

You can see your child once they are in the ward.

For more information

SA Dental Service
GPO Box 864
Adelaide SA 5001
Telephone: 1300 008 222
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental

Interpreters: If you need an interpreter, call the clinic before your appointment, so that staff can arrange for one to be present when you attend.

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact the National Relay Service. For more information call 1800 555 660 or visit www.relayservice.gov.au