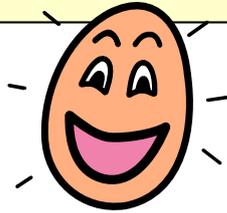




Welcome to Ward 31



This is ward 31

Nurses here will help you



Do not eat or drink before your operation.



You can have someone to stay with you.



The nurse will take you to a bed that will be yours for your stay in hospital.



A nurse will ask questions

Take your temperature



Take your blood pressure and put a probe on your finger



Take your pulse



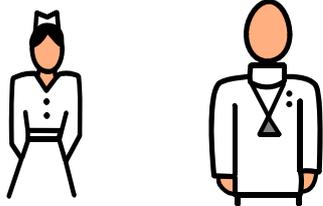
You will be weighed



The nurse will also ask you to wear a bracelet that has your name on and change into a gown



You may have to wear these stockings



A doctor will come and talk



The nurse will apply a cream to an area on your hand or arm and cover it with a see through dressing.

Staff from the ward and a porter will take you to theatre



You will arrive in a room ,it will look something like this.



You will go to sleep for your operation, and the Doctor will place a small plastic tube into the area on your hand where the cream was applied.



Recovery

Your carer and nurse will be with you when you wake up.



The nurse will take your temperature and blood pressure until you are fully awake.

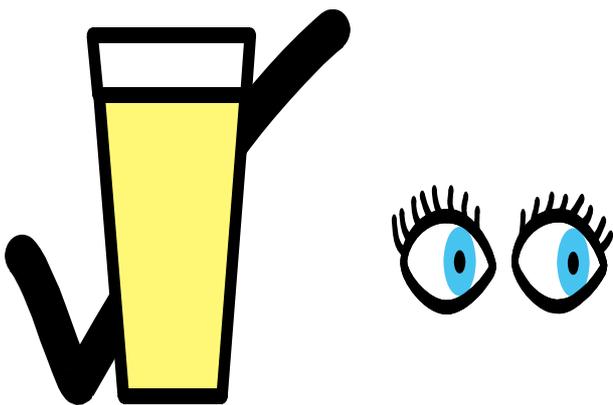




The nurse, carer and theatre porter will then take you back to the ward on your bed



You may feel sleepy.



You can have a drink when you are fully awake.

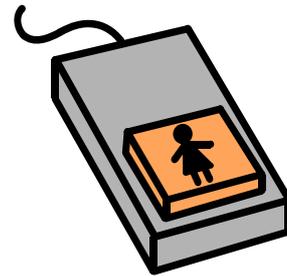
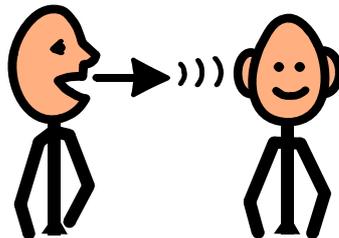
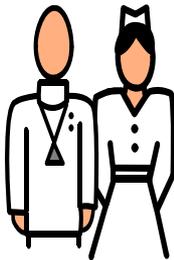


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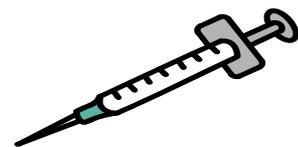
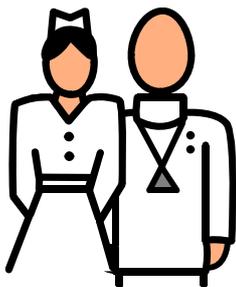


Feel sick

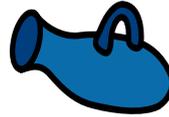
Tell the nurse



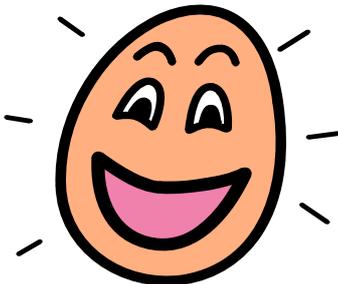
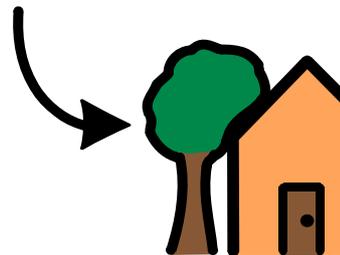
The nurse will give you some medicine to make you feel better



Please let the nurse know when you want to go to the toilet and they will either take you or give you a bedpan



Sometimes it is necessary to have a drain following an operation but it will be removed before you go home .



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