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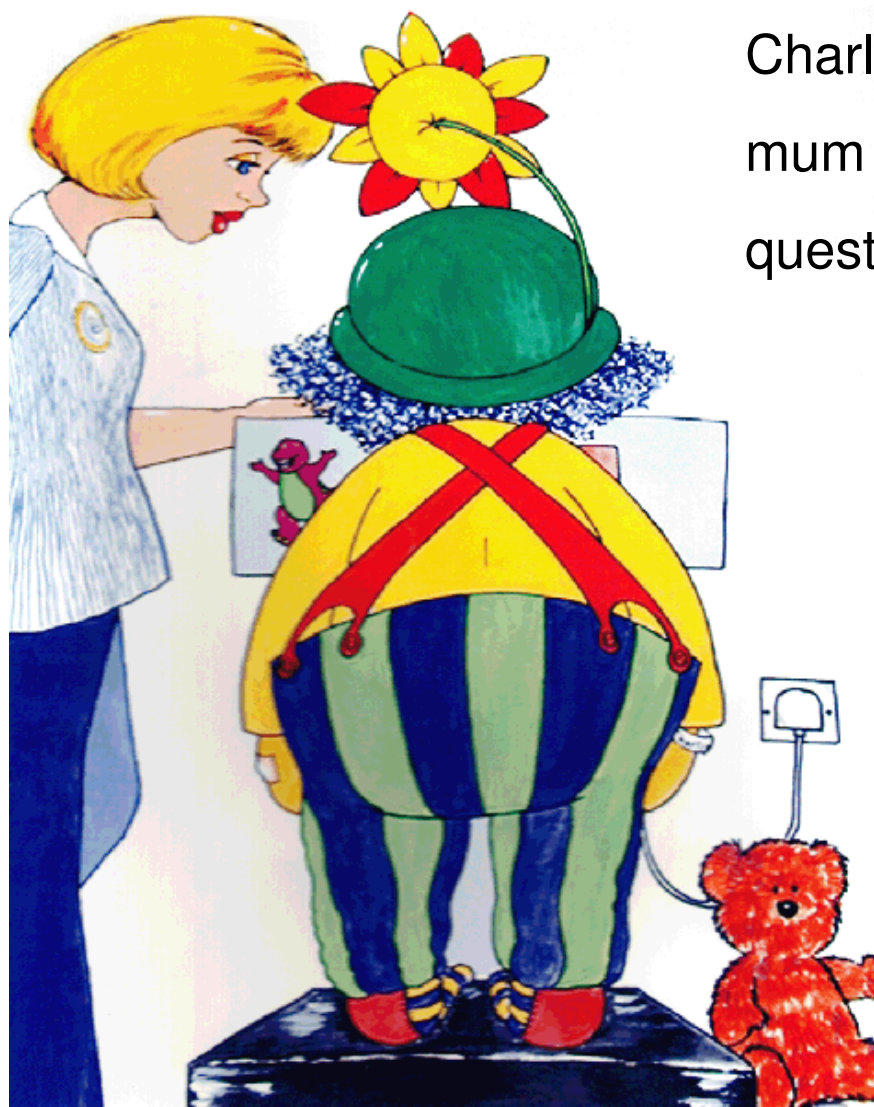
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Hello and welcome to the Beech Day Ward.

This is Charlie the clown and he is here with us today for a small operation.

Charlie and his mum and dad are met in the Day Ward by the nurse.

She will weigh Charlie and then put on two special bracelets with Charlie's name on them. Magic cream will also be put on Charlie's hands.



Charlie's nurse will ask his mum and dad some questions about Charlie.

The nurse will check that Charlie is Fasting. This means nothing to eat or drink not even water

Charlie is weighed

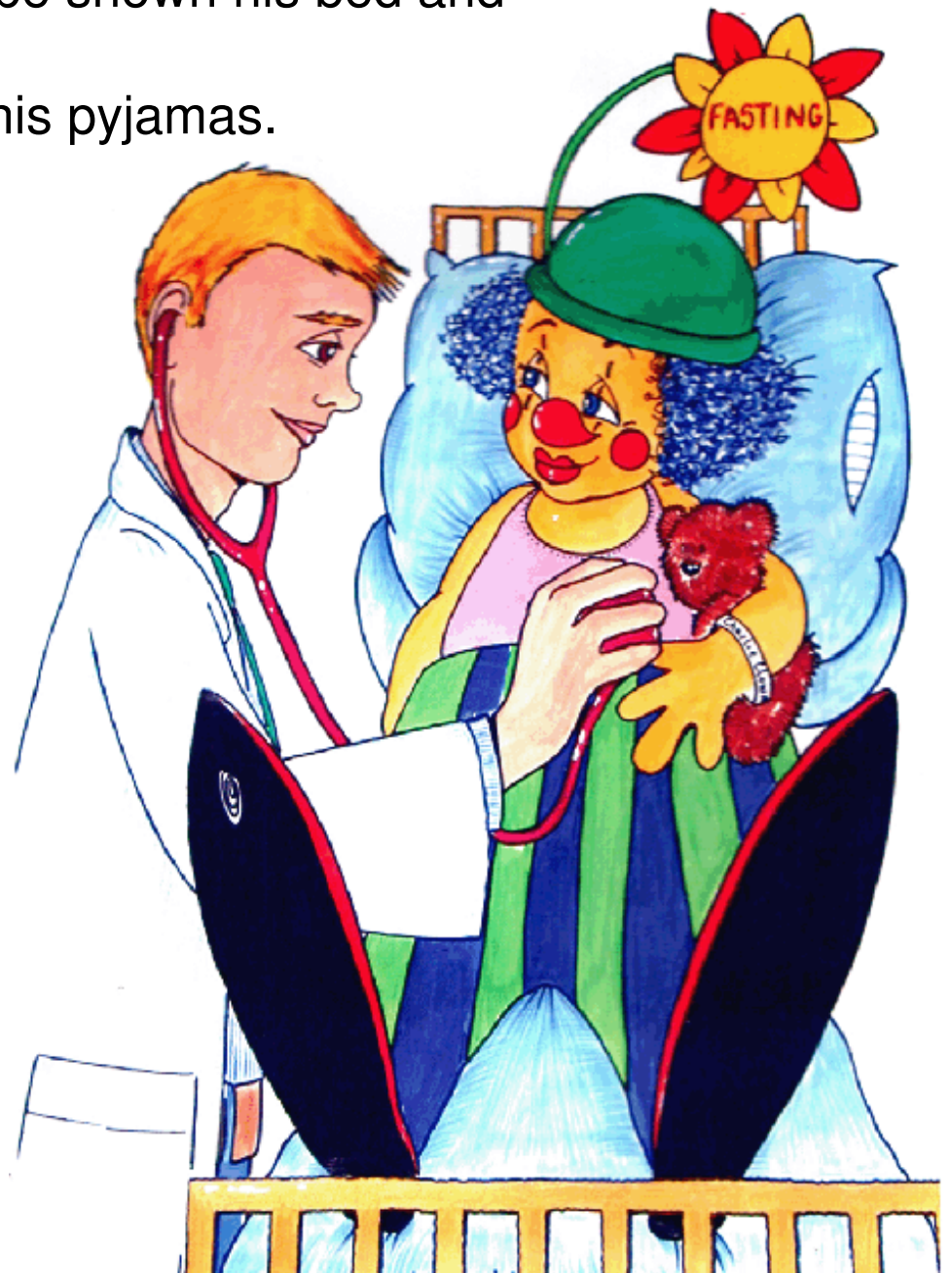
Charlie's name-band is applied



Charlie will be examined by the doctor. Mum and Dad will be asked more questions about Charlie's health and then asked to sign a special form.

Sometimes the doctor may mark the place of the operation with a special pen.

Charlie will now be shown his bed and asked to put on his pyjamas.



Charlie meets the doctor

Charlie will walk down to the Operating Theatre Dept with his parents and a nurse.

Charlie will be met in the operating theatre by the nurse. The theatre nurses wear special clothes usually blue or green and a hat. They will check some details again with Charlie's Mum and Dad. Charlie can play with toys while

waiting to go into theatre.



Charlie meets his theatre nurse



CHARLIE GOES TO SLEEP USING HIS SPECIAL MASK

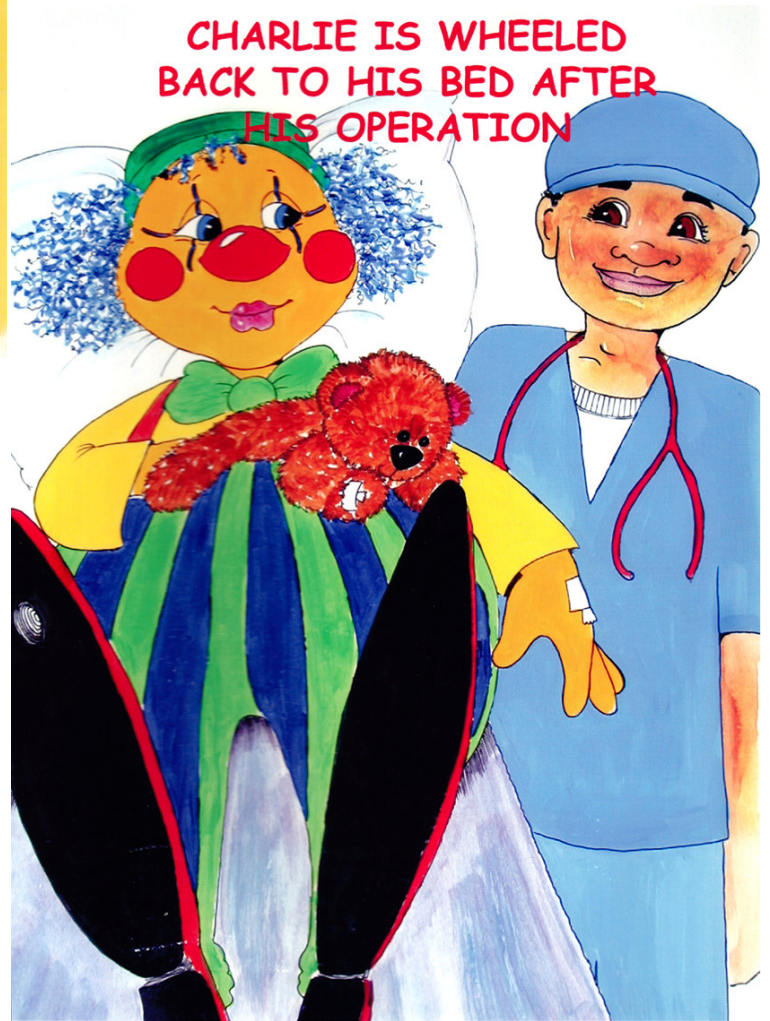
Charlie will meet the anaesthetist (the sleepy doctor). The anaesthetist will ask Charlie to blow up a balloon using a special mask or put in a “freddy” and give magic milk. Mum or Dad will stay with Charlie until he is asleep.



**CHARLIE GOES OFF TO
DREAM LAND**

After the operation Charlie will wake up. His Mum or Dad will go to theatre to collect him. He will be brought back on a bed by the porter and nurse. When fully awake he will be given something to drink and then eat.

Charlie should not eat too much chocolate or crisps as they may make his tummy feel sick.



Charlie's nurse will allow him to go home once he is feeling ok.

She will explain to his Mum and Dad about any special care he will need at home.

Charlie may need to take some medicine at home to take away any pain he may have.

It is very important that

Charlie follows any special instructions that his Nurse or Doctor tells him. Charlie may come back and see his Doctor for a check-up.

The nurse will make this appointment.



Parents Advice

It is important to prepare your child for his or her hospital admission. A hospital information leaflet is available in the Out Patient Department.

Due to limited space only the parents/guardians and the child should attend the Day Ward.

Please do not attend if your child is unwell instead ring 01- 4142295, they will offer advice and arrange an alternative appointment.

It is important that your child brings in pyjamas or night dress to change into for theatre.

Surgical lists run throughout the day, emergencies can occur resulting in delays and your understanding would be appreciated. We will keep you informed.

Post operative and pain information leaflets will be given to you on discharge.



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