



## Patient Information: Welcome to Pediatrics

Your child is not feeling well, or is undergoing surgery, and has been admitted to our Pediatrics unit.

You are encouraged to stay with your child to provide comfort and support. If you plan to stay overnight with your child, please ensure you bring bedding and a pillow as we have sleep chairs/cots.

You are also encouraged to communicate your child's likes and dislikes with the staff in order to provide the best care possible and put your child at ease.

Bringing something from home that belongs to your child such as a blanket or stuffed animal will assist in comforting your child during procedures and care.

For your child's protection, if you are feeling unwell, we ask that you not visit in the hospital until you feel better again.

Meals for your child will be provided, however, you are more than welcome to bring food from home. Food can be stored in our patient pantry located in the unit. We ask that when bringing in food and containers from home that you ask your care provider for a patient label before placing in the fridge. We also have food vendors located on the first floor of Bluewater Health with varying hours of operation. There is also a vending machine and ATM located on the first floor in the atrium.

For safety reasons, any child two years or younger will have a 'Hugs Tag', a security bracelet, placed on their wrist or ankle by the nurse caring for them. The Hugs infant protection system is designed to prevent infants or young children from being taken from the unit without permission. The security bracelets will trigger an alarm and lock the unit doors if a child comes close to the exits. If your child is older than two years, it will be up to the discretion of the parent/parents, guardian, or the substitute decision maker in collaboration with the nurse to make an informed decision regarding the 'Hugs Tag'. Please do not try to adjust or remove the bracelet without first speaking to the nurse caring for your child. This system has been put in place for the protection of your child for the length of your stay.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your nurse.

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