

Hospitals



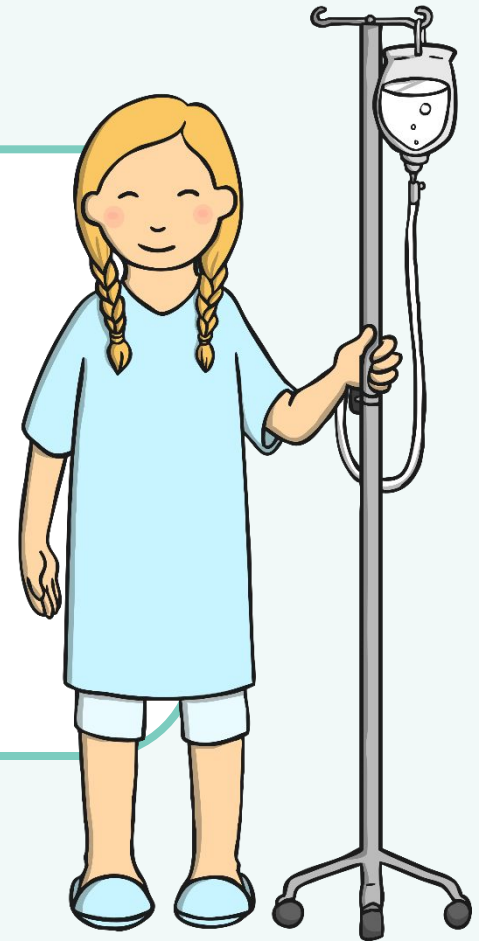
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Have You Ever Been to Hospital?

Were you poorly or were you going to see somebody who was in hospital?

Have you ever stayed in a hospital?

Who helped you in the hospital?



What Is a Hospital?

If you are really ill or hurt, and a doctor at your doctors surgery cannot help, you go to hospital.

In a hospital, there are lots of different doctors, nurses and other people who help the patients in different ways.



What Happens in a Hospital?



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If you fall over, or hurt yourself badly, you might have broken a bone. At the hospital, an x-ray is taken to see if it is broken. If it is, sometimes a plaster cast is put on to help it to heal.



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What Happens in a Hospital?

Doctors and nurses, who carry out operations, must wear special hats, masks and gloves. This is to stop germs from spreading.



Have you had an operation in hospital?

What Happens in a Hospital?

Some women have their baby in a maternity hospital. A midwife helps the woman and looks after the newborn baby.



How do you know who the midwife is?

What Happens in a Hospital?

Some people only stay in hospital for a few hours, but some people might have to stay for a night or more.

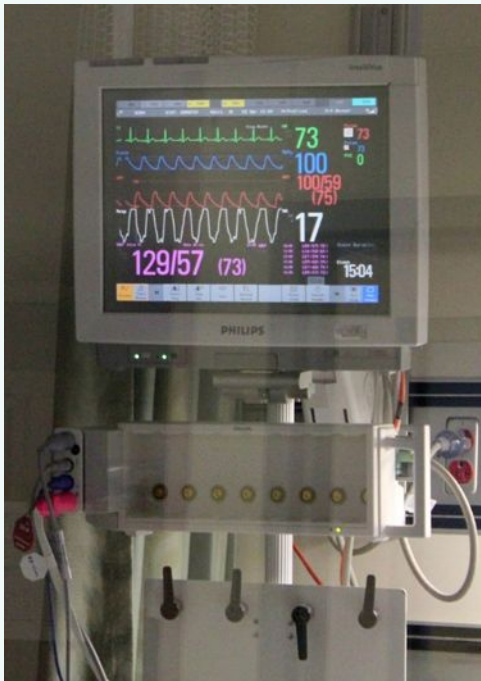


Look at this hospital bed. It has buttons on the side to make the bed move up and down, which helps the patient to feel more comfortable.

What Happens in a Hospital?

There are lots of machines and equipment in a hospital.

The doctors and nurses use the machines and medicines to help people get better.



What Happens in a Hospital?

In an emergency, an ambulance is called to quickly take someone to hospital. The people on board are called **paramedics**.

Paramedics look after the person who is hurt or ill until they get to hospital.



How do ambulance drivers let other drivers know they are in a hurry?

What Happens in a Hospital?

Sometimes, people are taken to hospital in a helicopter. The pilot lands the helicopter then doctors and nurses safely get the patient in the helicopter so the patient can be taken to hospital.



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