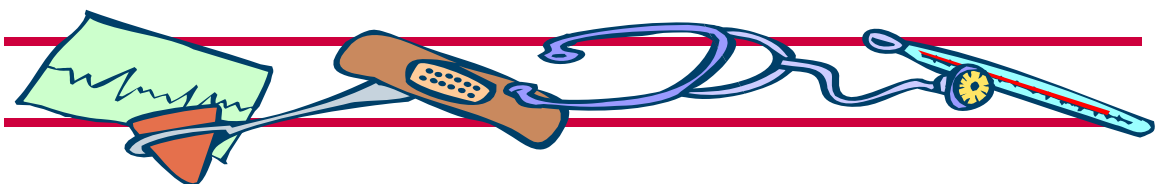


Radiation Therapy For Jack at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

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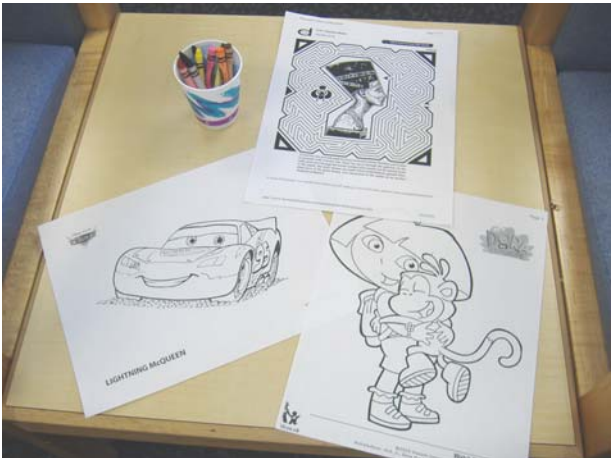


Jack wakes up very early to come to the hospital. He goes to the 5th floor to the Same Day Surgery Area. Jack does not have surgery though, he comes here for Radiation Therapy.



First he and mom check in at the check in desk. This is where he gets a bracelet with his name and birthday on it so the nurses and doctors know who he is. Everyone asks to see his bracelet when they meet him.

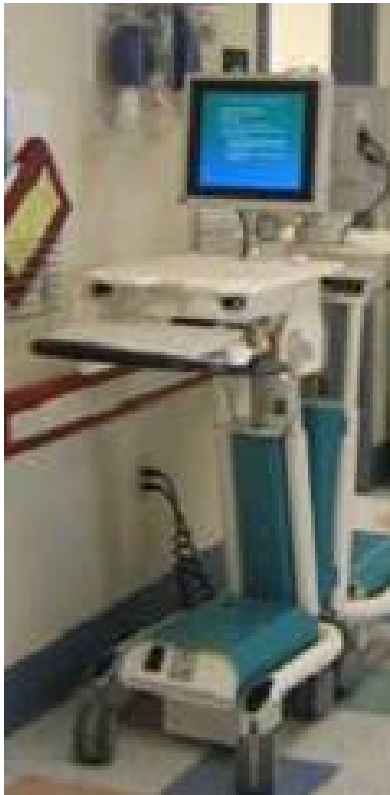
After check in, Jack waits in the waiting area. This is where the fish, a TV, books, and coloring sheets are.





Jack also has a friend named Beth, a Child Life Specialist. Beth helps Jack be comfortable by giving him toys to play with and videos to watch.

When the nurse calls for Jack. He and mom go into an exam room or even the playroom at the end of this hallway.



A nurse comes into the exam room to ask mom questions about how Jack feels. The nurse puts this information into a computer

A "PCT" comes in to measure: -Jack's temperature with a "thermometer"...



one that is placed
in his ear



one that is placed
under his arm



-how much he weighs
on the "scale"...

-his blood pressure with a
"blood pressure cuff" feels like
a tight hug when it is working...



And listening to what his heart
and lungs sound like with
a "stethoscope"...

When it is time to go to Radiation Therapy, the nurse brings out Jack's bed.

It's a long walk over to Radiation Therapy. There are three elevator rides too! Jack doesn't seem to mind as long as he has Dora on DVD!



Here are some pictures of what Jack sees on the way to Radiation Therapy:

A hallway with a train to follow to red elevators...



...pass Big Bird on the way to a long hallway...



and then a ride on another elevator...



Sometimes Dad and Robyn come to visit. They would play with Jack and read “Where be boots hiding”, Jack’s favorite book at the hospital. Here are some pictures of Robyn and Jack:



In the Picture above, it is “Prize Friday” where Jack gets a prize for doing his best all week long at the hospital!



There is an “Anesthesiologist” who meets Jack. He calls them the “Sleepy Medicine Doctors.” They give him some special medicine to sleep during Radiation Therapy. This special sleep helps Jack stay very still. Jack gets this medicine in his “tubie”, or a small tube attached to his “port”. The sleep Jack has with this medicine is a special kind of sleep where he stays asleep during the whole therapy and then wakes up when it is all over.

Jack watches a Dora DVD until he is asleep.

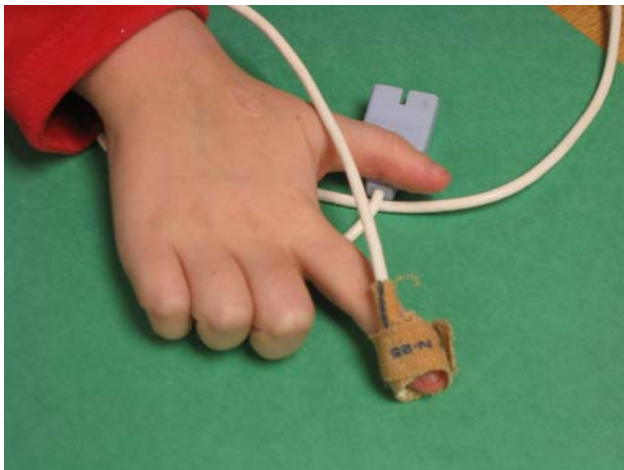


When the Radiation Therapy is over Jack is put in his bed to wake up. The doctor gets mom and they all go with Jack back over to the Same Day Surgery Area where he will wake up from the special medicine.



The doctor puts a special mask near his face when he is sleeping to give him extra air to breathe.

A wrap is put on Jack's finger to help the doctors know more about his body when he is sleeping. The wrap looks and feels like a Band Aid. It is called a "pulse-oximeter" and measures how much oxygen is in his blood.



Soon it will be time to put away the oxygen mask, take off the "pulse-oximeter", and eat pudding and cookies until it is time to go visit the Physical Therapy girls.