

Frequently Asked Questions:

Your inpatient stay at CHOC Children's Hospital

When will I see my child's doctor?

You will be visited daily by a hospitalist, a pediatrician who practices in the hospital.

How will I have my questions answered?

Please ask any team member if you have a question. It is important to us that we hear your concerns and answer all your questions. We also encourage you to take notes to jot down questions as they arise or to record answers. You're also encouraged to use the whiteboard in your child's room to write down your questions.

Can we have visitors?

Visiting hours end at 8 p.m. Parents or guardians can come and go as they please, and a sleeping cot will be provided for one parent or guardian to stay overnight. Visitors are temporarily limited to parents and a few surrogate caregivers during the winter viral season. Your nurse will explain visitor guidelines at the time of admission.

Will my child have a private room?

We cannot guarantee a private room for all patients. For patients in double rooms, we are careful to make the most appropriate pairings of patients. Curtains between the beds help establish privacy.

Can my child leave their room?

It depends on what they have been admitted for. If their physician clears your child to leave the room, their nurse can help them to the playroom or other amenities. If the child must stay in their room, the nurse can help choose activities to do in their room.

How long until we can go home?

Because each child is different, it's often difficult to predict a length of stay. You are encouraged to participate in daily rounds to receive information, help develop care plans for each day as well as after discharge, and get your questions answered.

How will my child get food?

We offer room service for our patients staying in the hospital. A menu is located in each patient room. Call the number listed to order food of your choice to be delivered to your room. Orders can be made from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. One additional meal per day may be ordered for a parent or guardian for \$5.