



# PASS (Pre-Anesthesia Surgical Service) Clinic

## What to expect during your visit

Answers to common questions about a visit to the PASS Clinic

Welcome to the Pre-Anesthesia Surgical Service (PASS) Clinic. We want to make your clinic visit go as smoothly as possible, and we want to help prepare you for what to expect. Here are answers to some questions that you might have about our clinic.

### **Why does my child have an appointment at the PASS Clinic?**

Your child's surgeon has advised we see them in the PASS Clinic because one or more of their current conditions could increase their risk for problems with anesthesia. We want to make sure they are healthy enough to receive anesthesia. We also want to make sure your child does not have any health problems that could delay their procedure.

### **My child has been to PASS before, why do we need to go again?**

Because of your child's condition(s), medical history, and that they see many providers, we want to look at everything about your child's current care. We want to make sure there are no new risks for them to have anesthesia.

### **Who will see my child, and what can I expect during the clinic visit?**

#### **A medical assistant (MA) will greet you and:**

- Weigh and measure your child
- Check their temperature, heart rate, breathing and blood pressure
- Ask about their current medications
- Ask if your child is ill, has recently been ill or has been exposed to illness
- Tell you when you will be notified about the time of your child's procedure and be given eating and drinking instructions for the day of the procedure

#### **A registered nurse**

Your child may meet with a registered nurse. They will provide education about procedures or help you with follow-up recommendations after the visit.

#### **A nurse practitioner will meet with you and your child. They will:**

- Ask additional questions about your child's medical history. They review the history in great detail before you arrive.

### To Learn More

- PASS Clinic  
206-987-2728
- [www.seattlechildrens.org/patients-families/](http://www.seattlechildrens.org/patients-families/)
- Ask your child's healthcare provider

### Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital, ask your child's nurse.
- From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.

- Listen to your child's lungs and heart, and look at their throat and mouth.
- Provide instructions about anesthesia for your child's procedure.
- Decide if your child needs additional tests or consults before their procedure. This may include lab work and X-rays or consults with other specialists like Child Life, Pulmonary, Cardiology or an anesthesiologist.
- Make sure your child is scheduled for any necessary follow-up visits with other Children's specialists before the procedure.

### What do I need to do after our PASS appointment?

If your child is due for follow-up appointments with Seattle Children's providers or other specialists, make sure they all are done before the procedure. It is important all of your child's providers agree your child is healthy enough for the procedure.

### Who needs to come with my child to their PASS appointment?

A parent or legal guardian who knows the child's health history needs to come to the visit.

### How long is a PASS Clinic visit?

A clinic visit typically lasts 30 to 45 minutes.

### What will happen the day of my child's procedure?

Your child's anesthesiologist will review the information from the PASS Clinic visit and evaluate your child to make sure they are healthy and able to have anesthesia that day. The anesthesiologist also will talk with you about their plan for your child's anesthesia.

### Questions about your child's procedure?

You will need to ask your child's doctor or surgeon performing the procedure.

To learn more about how to prepare for a **surgery or clinic visit, hospital amenities and family support services**, visit: [seattlechildrens.org/patients-families/](http://seattlechildrens.org/patients-families/).