

Key Takeaways:

“Preparing for Epilepsy Surgery” Webinar

Once your child has become a surgical candidate, additional steps are necessary to provide support to the patient and the family before, during and after surgery. Therefore, a team of multidisciplinary professionals will be involved in the process.

Social Workers, mental health and child life specialists evaluate behavioral, social and emotional factors to come up with tools and assistance in preparation for the surgery.

- The specialists work as a team gathering information to identify personal challenges that require therapy.
- Therapy focuses on how thoughts, feelings, and behaviors influence each person and how to learn specific skills.
- Emotional supports are available to the entire family.
- The team provides training and activities to prepare you and your child for the procedure and the hospitalization.
- The specialists help introduce and explain “surgery” to your child and will guide you on how and when to talk about it, according to his/her age.
- They also work with siblings and other members of the family to keep them involved and connected.
- The team will discuss the use of appropriate books, how to access trusted resources in the internet and they may show you real medical equipment used during the surgery and the hospitalization.
- Discuss with the social worker about insurance plans, school and academic accommodations, community specialists and support groups

Ask questions and work with the members of the psychosocial team to be prepared and feel confident for your child’s surgery!

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