



Your child is scheduled for a sleep test at Emerson Hospital

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Your child's doctor has ordered a sleep study in order to monitor and measure many aspects of his or her sleep. A lack of sleep or interrupted sleep can disturb daily activities and influence overall health and development. A sleep study is not exactly like sleeping at home but we do our best to get the most data for your child's doctor. Don't worry if your child is awake more at the sleep lab than at home. Even a little bit of sleep can provide a lot of data. *Please remember that a parent or guardian must accompany their child throughout the sleep study.* Please contact your child's referring provider for test results.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Because insurance coverage varies, you should check directly with your insurance carrier regarding your specific plan coverage and any out-of-pocket expenses related to the test even if we've received authorization from your insurance company to perform the test. The contact number is usually available on your healthcare insurance card.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE SLEEP TESTING CENTER:

- ☐ Comfortable clothing/pajamas & change of clothes for following day
- ☐ Small snacks (if necessary)
- ☐ Personal toiletry items (toothpaste, soap, etc.) if desired
- ☐ Anything that will make your child feel comfortable on the evening of your study (e.g. pillow, blanket book, tablet, stuffed animal, etc.). TVs are provided in each patient room.
- ☐ Medications that your child may need before bedtime, throughout the night and in the morning.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE NIGHT OF TESTING:

You will meet one of our trained sleep technologists who will help you get settled in the room where you and your child will spend the night for the study.

The set-up takes approximately 45 minutes. During this time, your child may choose to sit on the bed or in a chair and independently or with you.

You must stay with your child all night in the sleep lab, but are never alone. You and your child will share a private room with a camera for the sleep technologist to monitor sleep positions. The sleep technologist may come into the room to adjust sensors throughout the night.

You will be woken up at 6am unless more testing is needed or an earlier wake-up time is requested.

It takes about 20 minutes to remove the sensors and tape using water and adhesive remover. A shower or bath at home will help remove any residual paste.

DIRECTIONS TO SLEEP TESTING CENTER:

The entrance to the parking garage is located opposite the main entrance of the hospital. Park on Level 1 or above. There is no charge for parking. You will receive a parking voucher from the sleep technologist. Go in the main entrance of the hospital and check in at patient registration (if you have not preregistered). From the main entrance, go down the hall past the ATM and take a left at the elevators. Look for the North elevators. Take the A elevator to the 4th floor.