

Cardinal Glennon and Surgery

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We went to SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center in the morning for my finger surgery. When we got there, it was raining. My day started as we went to check in for the surgery.

We went into my waiting room. I got my hospital pajamas on. Then the anesthesiologist and nurse asked us some usual questions and some private questions.



I got to watch TV and play video games in my private waiting room with my mom. A nurse gave me some smells to test for my sleep medicine- strawberry, banana, bubble gum, mango, watermelon, root beer. I chose watermelon. Dr. Plikaitis and another doctor came in to see me. She is very nice and knows a lot about fingers. They did my surgery. The nurse gave me some medicine in my mouth to make me relax. It also made me giggle.



After awhile, it was time to go have my surgery. A lady wheeled me in my bed to a holding room to wait my turn. Then in a few minutes my mom left, and they rolled me to the operating room. I had to get on a different bed. And it took them three minutes to get situated. They put a mask over my nose and mouth that smelled like watermelon when I breathed. That was my favorite part. The doctor and nurse rubbed my head and told me not to worry about my surgery. Everything got blurry, and I passed out.

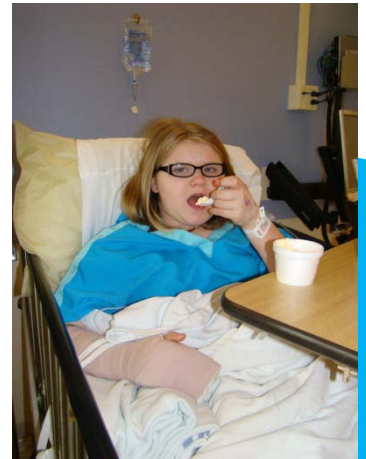


While I was asleep, they gave me an IV which was a small straw into my hand. It gave me medicine. They fixed the bones in my finger. They put in some pins to keep the bones straight in my finger while they grow back together.

When I woke up, it was blurry again, and I was in the recovery room. The funny part when I was waking up was a teenager was there too waking up at the same time. When I woke up the nurses gave me some Sierra Mist to drink. Another boy came into recovery right next to me. Then my mom came in.



They wheeled me to a private recovery room to let me wake up for another hour. They gave me some popsicles first. Then they gave me more Sierra Mist and vanilla ice cream. I was hungry because I hadn't eaten since the night before. I watched TV while I was waking up and waiting.



The only bad part of the day was when they had to take the IV straw out of my hand while I was awake. But it only hurt for a minute. Then I got dressed. They got me a sling for my arm. I got to keep my breathing mask. Then they got me in a wheelchair and wheeled me down to my mom's car outside.

Now I have pins in my finger and stuff over my whole hand to my elbow. I have to keep my hand all the way still until next Friday.

When I got home, I finally got to eat regular food. My hand did not hurt last night because they gave me medicine to make it numb for the rest of the night.



I loved Cardinal Glennon. If I ever had to live somewhere, I would even live there. Everyone was my favorite. They always made me feel very comfortable and made me feel like I was at a hotel. They even inspire me to want to be a nurse when I grow up. This was one of the best experiences of my life.

Thank you to everyone for supporting me and making sure I was OK.

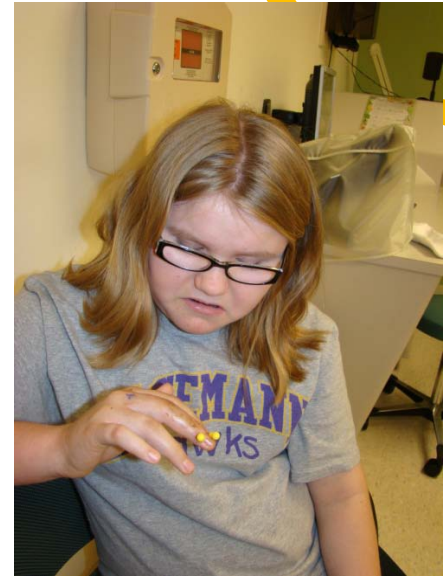


Check up

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Dr. Plikaitis helped me a lot! I got my cast taken off today. I will go back in two weeks to get x-rays and hopefully get the pins out.



Ewww.



It was hard to get my new splint to fit around the pins.



Yum!! Lunch in the hospital cafeteria. I had fried fish and mashed potatoes.



Molly is the therapist. She worked hard to make my splints. She is really nice.