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# Tonsil, Adenoid, and Ear Tube Surgery: Preparing for Surgery

Below are some things that you will need to do before your child's surgery.

## Preparing for surgery

- Bring your child for any presurgery tests the healthcare provider orders. These may include blood and urine tests. (Not all children need testing.)
- Before you sign the surgery consent form, make sure all your questions have been answered.
- Follow any directions your child is given for taking medicines or for not eating or drinking before surgery.
- Give the surgeon a list of any medicines your child takes. Include prescription, over the counter, or herb supplements.
- Tell the surgeon about any allergies your child has, such as to medicines, certain foods, or substances like latex.
- Help your child choose a toy or blanket to bring to the hospital.
- Bathe your child and remove any jewelry and hair accessories. This includes hair clips and earrings.
- Call the surgeon if your child gets sick before surgery. Surgery may need to be delayed.
- Ask the surgeon about other special directions.

