

Intubation



My body needs extra help breathing.

To help my body breathe better my doctors have decided that I need a breathing tube.

This special tube will be used to help my lungs breathe until they are strong enough to
breathe on their own again.



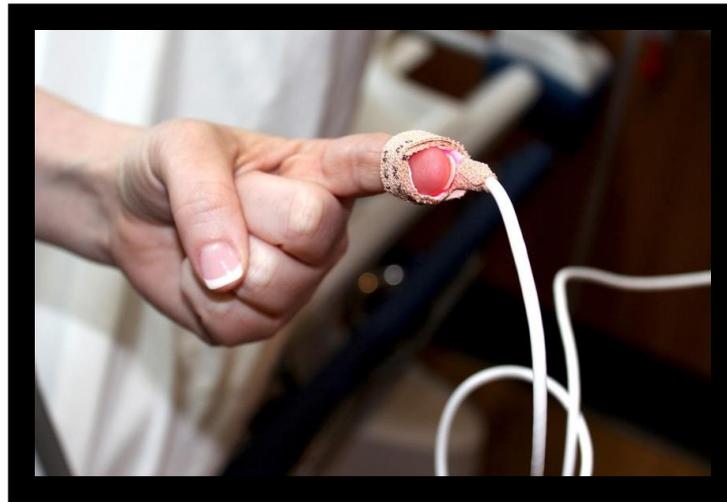
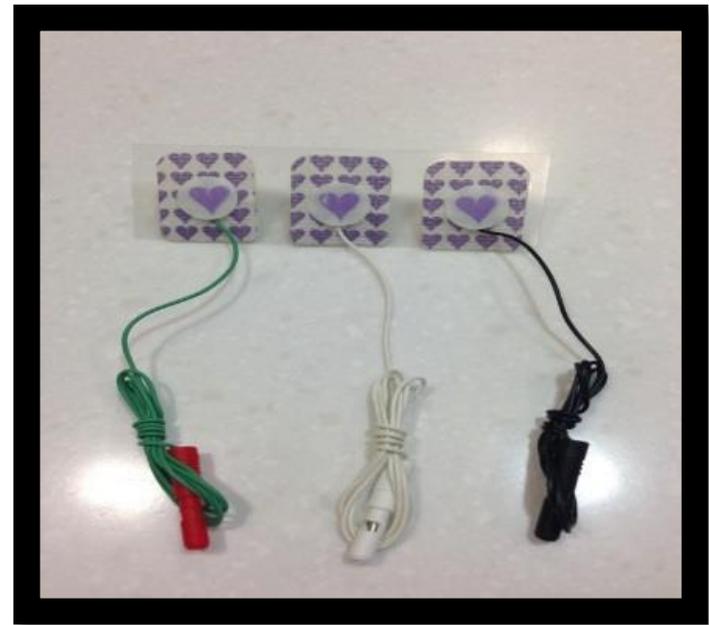
Before I get my breathing tube I may notice several people in my room like my nurses and doctors.

It is important to remember that everyone in my room is here to help me get better.



It may take some time for the nurses and doctors to get everything ready.

While I am waiting I can choose to sit up, lay down, watch TV , play or rest.

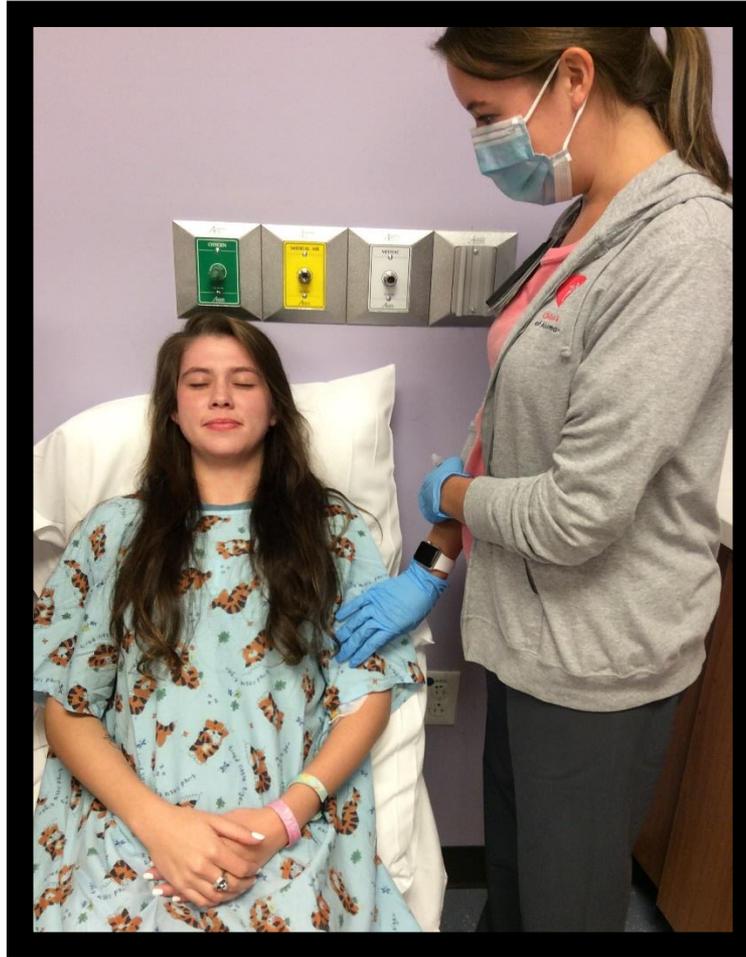


My nurse or doctor will check to make sure I have on a blood pressure cuff, heart monitor, and pulse ox.



When the doctor is ready he/she will give me medicine through my IV.

This medicine will make me feel sleepy and helps me stay comfortable while I get my breathing tube.



While I fall asleep my job is to rest and relax.

My nurses and doctors will take great care of me and make sure I stay comfortable while I am asleep.

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