Where is the Benjamin Russell Hospital for Children—One Day Surgery?

1601 5th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35233
Parking: 5th Avenue Parking Deck
(Corner of 5th Ave South and 16th St)
One Day Surgery is located on the 3rd Floor, Benjamin Russell Hospital for Children.

Benjamin Russell-One Day Surgery:
205-638-9596

Where is the Lowder Building—Outpatient Surgery?

1600 7th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35233
Parking: 7th Avenue Parking Deck
Outpatient Surgery is located on the 2nd Floor, Lowder Building.

Lowder Building-Outpatient Surgery:
205-638-9597

Where is APASS?

APASS is located in the lobby of the Lowder Building-Outpatient Surgery. (Follow above directions to the Lowder Building—Outpatient Surgery)

APASS phone number: 205-638-6235

APASS Clinic Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
9:00am to 4:30pm
Alternative interview hours available upon request

How do I find out more about Anesthesia?

APASS webpage
www.childrensal.org
search word: apass
select: Anesthesia Pre-Admit Screening Service (APASS)

You will see links to view Surgical Services videos.

Preparing Your Child for Surgery-Anesthesia (English and Spanish Versions)

Simon and Scarlett’s Surgical Safari

Carry Your Candle

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Why do I need to contact APASS?

Talking with a member of the anesthesia team prior to your child’s procedure is very important. During an APASS interview, you will be given information that will help prepare you and your child for the procedure. Your child’s medical and family history will be discussed and some of your questions regarding anesthesia will be answered.

What are some helpful hints before surgery?

For the child:
- Bring favorite stuffed animal, blanket, toy, book or hand-held device (iPod, iPad, Gameboy, etc.).
- No finger or toenail polish.
- No metal hair clips, bows or beads.
- No contact lenses.
- No piercings (ear, nose, lip, tongue, naval, etc.).
- Bathe the night before surgery. Wash your entire body from the chin down to the tips of your toes with an antibacterial soap (Dial, Safeguard, etc.) and be sure to rinse well. Wash face with regular facial soap and hair with regular shampoo.
- Do not shave any part of your body for 24 hours before surgery.

For the parent:
- Limit visitors to the surgery department (Only 2 adults may accompany your child.)
- Bring your picture identification card (driver’s license, government issued ID, etc.) and your child’s insurance card.
- Bring in your parking deck ticket. Your parking deck ticket will need to be validated on the day of the procedure to receive FREE PARKING. Otherwise, there will be a FEE TO EXIT the parking deck.
- For eating and drinking instructions prior to surgery or arrival time information, call your surgeon’s office.
- If your child is sick within 7 days of the procedure, call your surgeon’s office.
- If your child needs pre-operative lab work, please call APASS. The Surgical Services Division highly recommends that you make an appointment to have pre-operative lab work collected in APASS prior to the day of your child’s procedure.

How do I obtain an APASS evaluation?

1. Computer Access:
   A. www.childrensal.org
      Search word: apass
      Select: Anesthesia Pre-Admit Screening Service (APASS)
      Click: patient questionnaire
      Once you complete the questionnaire, click on submit.
      Your patient questionnaire will automatically be sent to APASS. If any further information is needed, an APASS staff member will contact you via phone.
   B. You can directly email the APASS department to request a phone interview or scheduled clinic appointment at apass@childrensal.org

2. No Computer Access:
   Call the APASS department to set up a phone interview or scheduled clinic appointment at 205-638-6235.

Our ultimate goal is to improve your child’s entire surgical experience.