

What to bring

For you...

- Comfortable clothing and personal items if you are intending to stay with your child overnight.
- Medicare and other health insurance fund information.
- X-rays or other relevant scans.
- Books or other reading material/activities.

For your child...

- Favourite blanket, pillow or stuffed animal or doll.
- Special toy, books, game or video.
- Pyjamas, toiletries, disposable nappies (if used).
- Pacifier or sippy cup.
- Infant formula (if necessary).
- Any other special items/equipment required for your child.

Please do **NOT** bring in any valuable items or electrical equipment.



Frequently asked questions

Does South Perth Hospital have canteen/kiosk where I can buy food, gifts or flowers? No we don't have these facilities. We provide parents with tea and coffee making facilities and meals during their stay. There is a café across the road and a delicatessen on the corner of Coode St and South Terrace. For greater choice, the shopping precinct of Angelo Street, South Perth is a short drive away. If your child is having a procedure early in the morning, you may like to consider bringing a snack in with you to eat while your child is in surgery.

Where can I find out more information about the hospital and its services? You may like to check out our website, www.sph.org.au. Here you find out more about us, like how to return paperwork, getting quotes for procedures, our infection rates and how we manage infection control issues.

What if my child has food allergies? As we prepare all our own food on-site, South Perth Hospital is able to individually cater for specific patient needs. Please contact the hospital if you wish to discuss further. You can also bring in special food for you or your child if required or preferred.

What if my child becomes unwell a few days before surgery? If you notice any changes in your child's health, you need to contact your child's doctor. You should also call the doctor if your child has a cough, cold, fever, rash or is exposed to chicken pox.

What time should I bring my child to the hospital? Your child's doctor will advise you of your admission time, there is no need to come any earlier. Remember that this is not the time of the actual surgery as this may not be for a couple of hours after your arrival and will depend upon your child's position on the doctor's operating list. Please check with your doctor to clarify.

Remember, to contact your child's doctor if you have any concerns or the hospital if you need further information about your child's admission.



South Perth Hospital

Information for Boarders



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Welcome to South Perth Hospital!

We hope that your stay with us is as pleasant as possible!

A boarder can be defined as someone staying overnight with a patient whilst they are in hospital.

A boarder can be a parent, baby, relative or a friend.

Where the person for admission is a mother who is still breastfeeding, the baby/child may accompany them to hospital as a boarder. However, arrangements must be made by them to ensure that another adult is available to care for the baby/child when the person is in surgery and for the initial post operative recovery period.

If you are travelling in from country areas, you may need to consider obtaining local accommodation before or after the surgery.

Try to arrange for the care of your other children and organise any other arrangements for you home with family and friends. If you have to bring your child's siblings into hospital, you must bring a support person to help look after them while you are caring for the child undergoing the procedure.

Nursing staff cannot care for siblings as their responsibility lies with the child who is the patient.

In most instances, patients who require a boarder will be allocated a single room. The difference in cost for single accommodation must be met by the patient if this is not covered by the patient's health fund.

Rebates for boarders vary according to health funds, as do the maximum number of rebatable days.

To comply with our Emergency Evacuation Procedures and Regulations, South Perth Hospital requires all boarders to provide us with their personal details on arrival.

Facilities

As a boarder, you are entitled to the following;

- Meals (your menu will be collected with the patient's menu)
- Tea and coffee making facilities in the Ward Pantry area
- A fold-away bed or recliner chair complete with linen
- Towels for showering

Free parking is available at the rear of the hospital on Burch Street.

Please note that there may need to be a restriction on the number of boarders on the ward at any one time in the interest of Occupational Safety and Health.

During Your Stay

Our aim is provide a safe, professional and friendly atmosphere, so we ask that everyone (staff, parents, family and visitors) to:

- Treat all people with dignity, courtesy and respect
- Be involved in the decision making process for care which involves your child

- Ask for more information if there is anything you do not understand
- Inform the nursing staff if you wish to leave the ward area
- Supervise your child at all times and not to allow them to wander unaccompanied.
- Honor the Non-Smoking policy. As a non-smoking facility, you cannot smoke within the hospital buildings, courtyards, grounds or entrances. Smoking is prohibited within 5 meters of the hospital perimeter.
- Place your bed so as not to obstruct the doorway and to allow nursing staff easy access around the room.
- Fold away your bed by breakfast time (8.30am).
- Not to leave toys etc on the floor where they can cause a hazard to hospital staff.
- Dress appropriately at all times to avoid embarrassment.
- Respect the property and facilities of South Perth Hospital.
- Report any unsafe aspects of your environment.
- Inform us if we are not meeting your expectations.

