



Reasons we may have to wait in the ED

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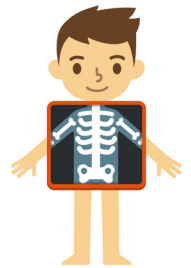
Waiting in the Emergency Department can be tricky. There are lots of reasons I may need to wait during my visit. Some of the reasons are:

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Doctors and nurses may need to see other kids who are sicker than me.

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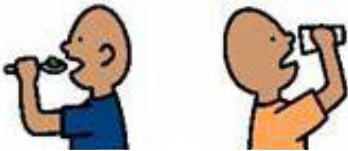
I might be waiting:

- for my medicines to work
- to have tests done (e.g. blood tests, MRI, x-ray, CT)
- for test results to come back
- to see a specialist doctor (e.g. surgeon, neurologist, etc.)

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Eat

Drink



I may need to show the doctors and nurses that I am eating and drinking enough.

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Sometimes we have to wait for discharge medicine and information so that my caregiver knows what to do when I get home.

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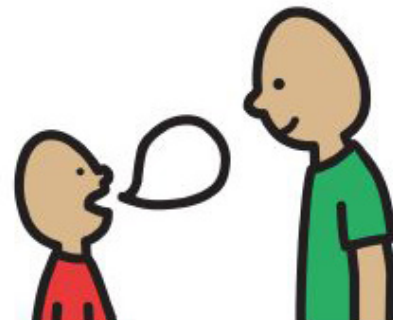
If I need to be admitted to hospital, I may need to wait for a room to be available.

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While I am waiting, I can talk to my caregiver about things I can do. If ED is a place I visit a lot, I could have some of my favourite activities packed to keep me busy while I wait (e.g. iPad, toys, colouring, craft, fidgets, weighted tools, music).

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The ED has sensory tools, colouring-in and some other activities. Otherwise my caregiver and I can think of other ways to help us wait (e.g. playing I Spy, Simon Says, Charades, pen and paper games like noughts and crosses, etc.), or play verbal memory games (e.g. picnic memory game, etc.).