

Understanding Anesthesia

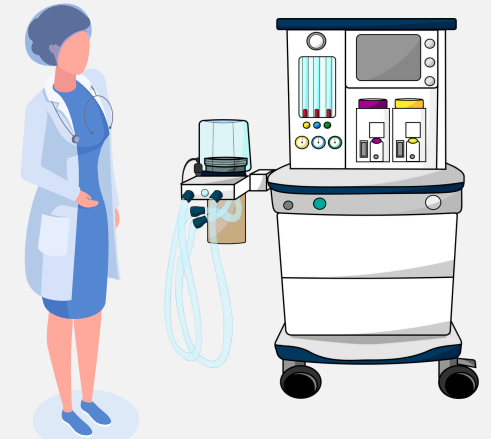
Anesthesia is medicine given before, during, or right after a medical procedure.



This medicine will help keep me relaxed and comfortable.



The doctor who gives me the medicine is called an "Anesthesiologist."



This medicine can be given in a few ways. My doctors will know which is best for me.



Some medicine I may breathe in through a soft mask worn over my nose and mouth.

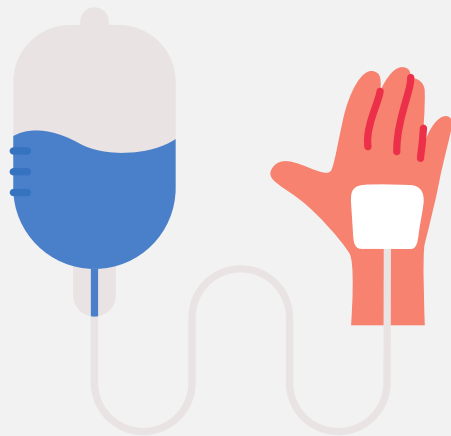


Some medicine is a pill I may have to swallow.



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Some medicine is given through an IV. This is a small straw placed in my hand or arm.



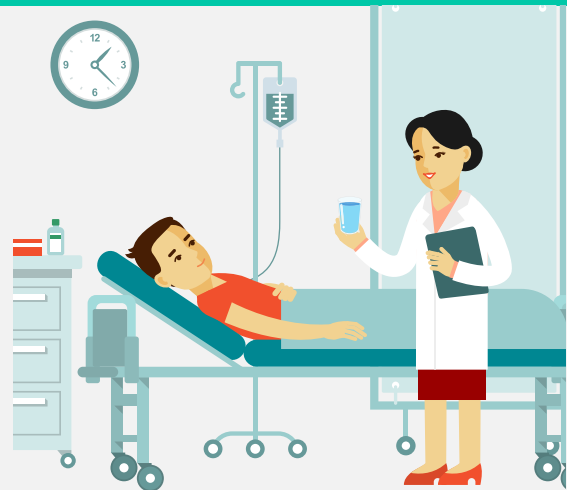
Sometimes it is given through an injection. This is like a shot. I might feel a pinch, but it will be over quickly.



The medicine will help make sure I don't feel anything during my procedure.



I might feel dizzy or tired after I wake up. I may even feel thirsty or hungry. I may feel no side effects.



It's okay if I don't remember what happened. That is a normal side effect of some types of medicine.



If I have questions, I should ask my doctors. If I brought a support person, they may also ask questions.

