SEDATION    GENERAL ANESTHESIA (GA)

DAY OF THE EXAM
Do not give your child any food, drink, milk, formula, chewing gum or candy after midnight on the night before the procedure EXCEPT:

- Clear liquids (apple juice, water or Pedialyte®) up to 2 hours before arrival time
- Breast milk up to 4 hours before arrival time
- Children under 1 year of age may have formula up to 6 hours before arrival time

WHERE TO CHECK IN
- Please arrive at Ellison 2, Suite 237 for Pediatric Imaging.

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING
- Your infant/child should wear loose clothing.
- If scheduled for an MRI, clothing should have no metal, including snaps, zippers or buckles.
- For young children, please bring a change of clothing, including pull-ups or diapers for those who use them.
- Please bring formula, a favorite cup or pacifier. If they have allergies, bring their special food.

WHO TO BRING
- We request at least one parent or legal guardian accompany the infant/child.
- We ask that you do not bring other siblings, since this can add to the child’s anxiety and there will be a recovery time after the procedure of 1-3 hours.

WHAT MEDICATIONS TO GIVE
- If your infant/child takes medications on a regular basis, consult your pediatrician about giving them prior to the procedure. If your physician instructs you to give your infant/child medications before the exam, please give with clear liquids only.

WHAT TO EXPECT
- Preparation for sedation/GA is about 1 hour.
- The whole process will take between 2-5 hours.
- The exams vary in length.
- A parent or guardian will need to stay during this time.
- Pre-arrange transportation home. Public transportations is not advised.
- All female patients who have started menstruating will need to give a urine sample on the day of surgery/procedure for required pregnancy testing.

WHEN TO CALL
- If your child has a cold, cough, fever, flu, vomiting or diarrhea the morning of the procedure, please call the Pediatric Scheduler at 617-726-7915 to reschedule the procedure.
- Should you have any other questions, please call the Pediatric Imaging Nurses at 617-724-4124.