



Bringing the Community Together for Hospitalized Kids

Child Life Department
Palm Beach Children's Hospital

All about my CT Scan

Come and learn about
CT Scans with me



What is a CT Scan?

A CT scan is a painless test that takes pictures of the inside of your body. The doctor needs to see these pictures of your bones and tissues to help you get better.



Where will I go for my CT Scan?

You will go to a place called
Radiology for your CT Scan

Here they take lots of pictures!



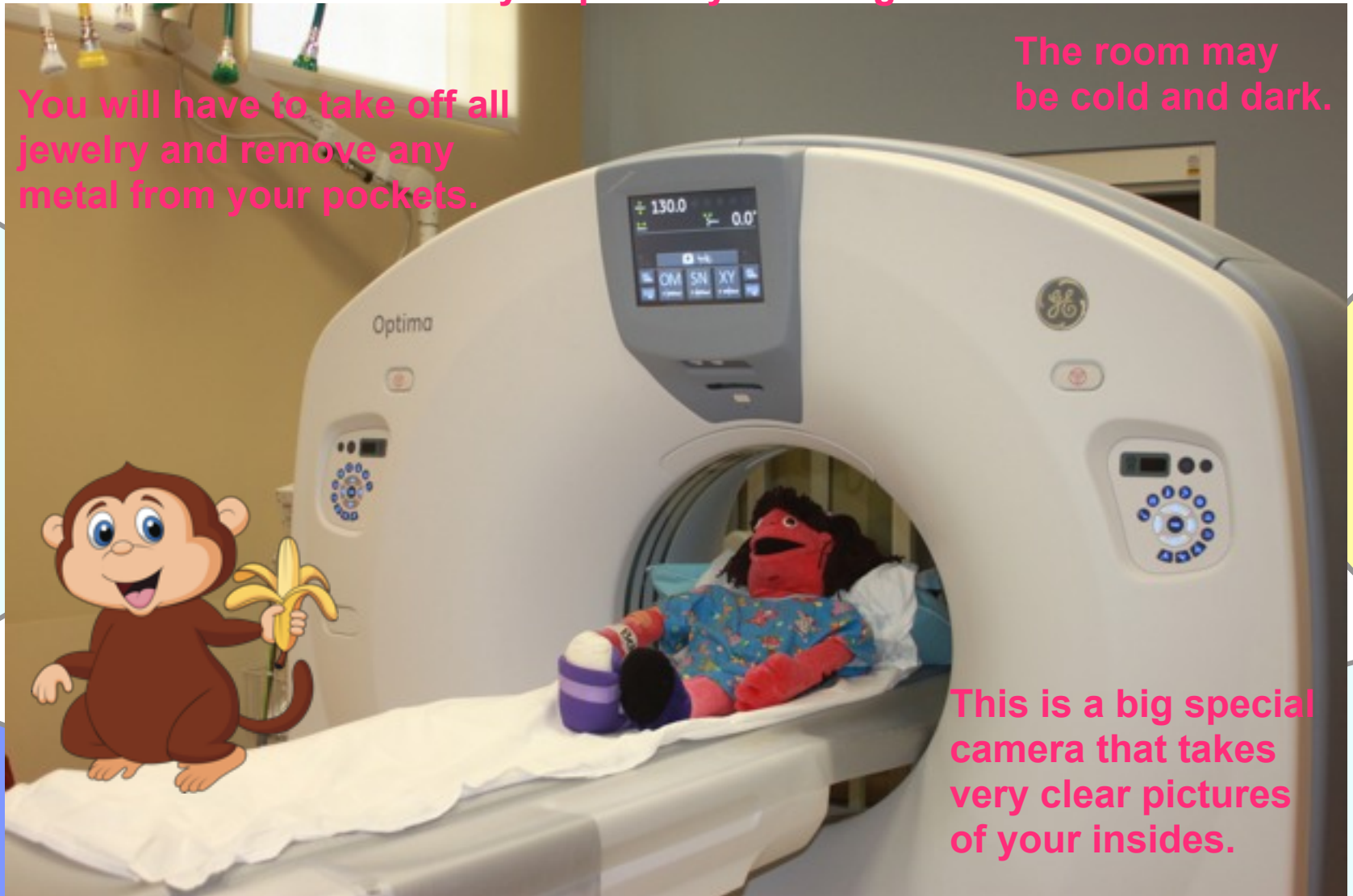
What will I See?

Some kids say the CT camera looks like a giant doughnut! What toppings would you put on your doughnut?

You will have to take off all jewelry and remove any metal from your pockets.

The room may be cold and dark.

This is a big special camera that takes very clear pictures of your insides.



What will I have to do?

Sometimes your body needs to have a liquid called contrast before taking pictures. Your nurse will either ask you to drink the contrast or put the liquid through your IV.



(contrast makes pictures look extra clear)



This is a big seat belt you will wear to help you keep still for the pictures.

What else will I have to do?

Your job is to hold very still during your CT Scan.



Remember! The machine only takes pictures. It will not touch or hurt you.

What is it like?

The bed you lay on will move through the “doughnut” hole while the camera is taking your picture.



You might hear clicking noises while the CT scan takes your picture.



How long will it take?

Your CT Scan may last
from 5-15 minutes.

Then you can go back to
your room!



Remember!



You will never be alone during your CT Scan

Mom and Dad will be nearby and the
nurses will be with you the whole time.

Great Job!
You are all done

