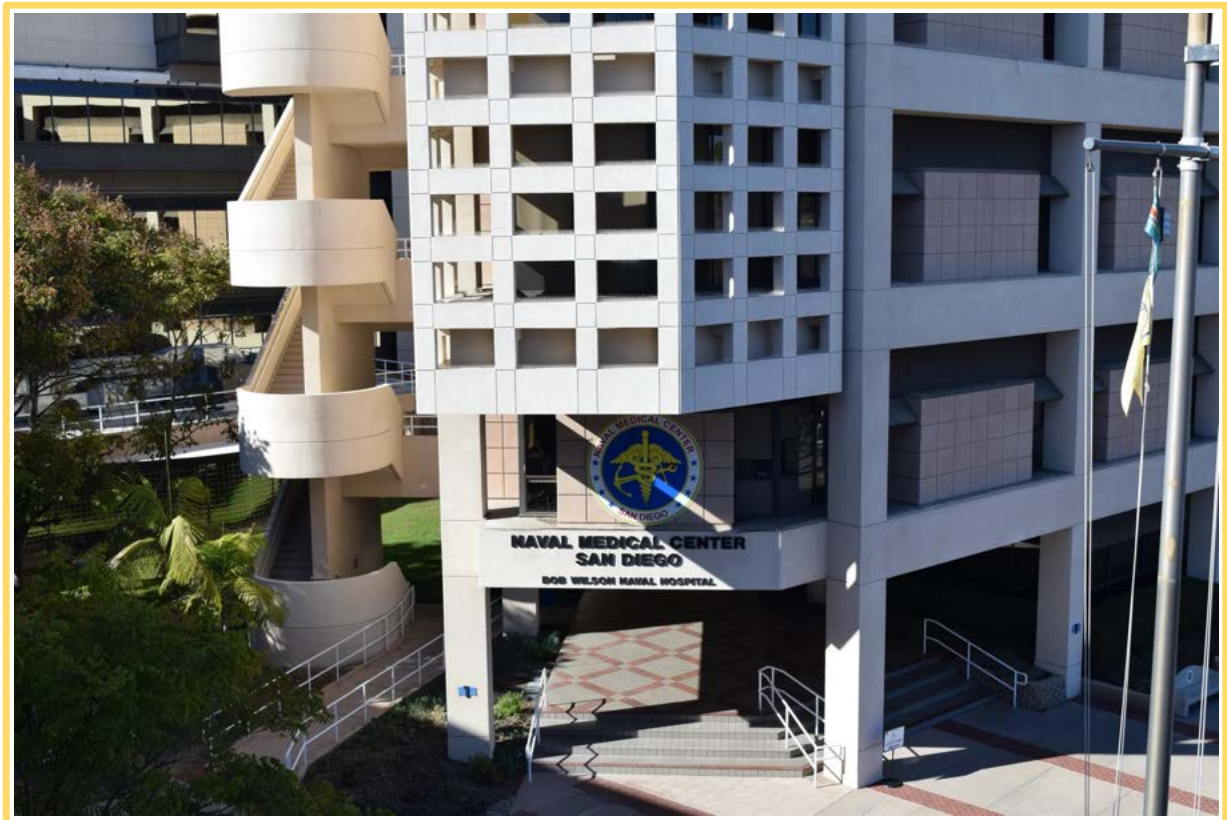

Family Walkthrough with Balboa the Tiger

A story of what you and your child can expect before and after getting an MRI or sedated procedures at Naval Medical Center San Diego!



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Hi there, it's me... a friendly tiger
you see. I proclaim that Balboa is
my name!

Let's travel together through a
hospital tour. You'll go to new
places and see what's in store!

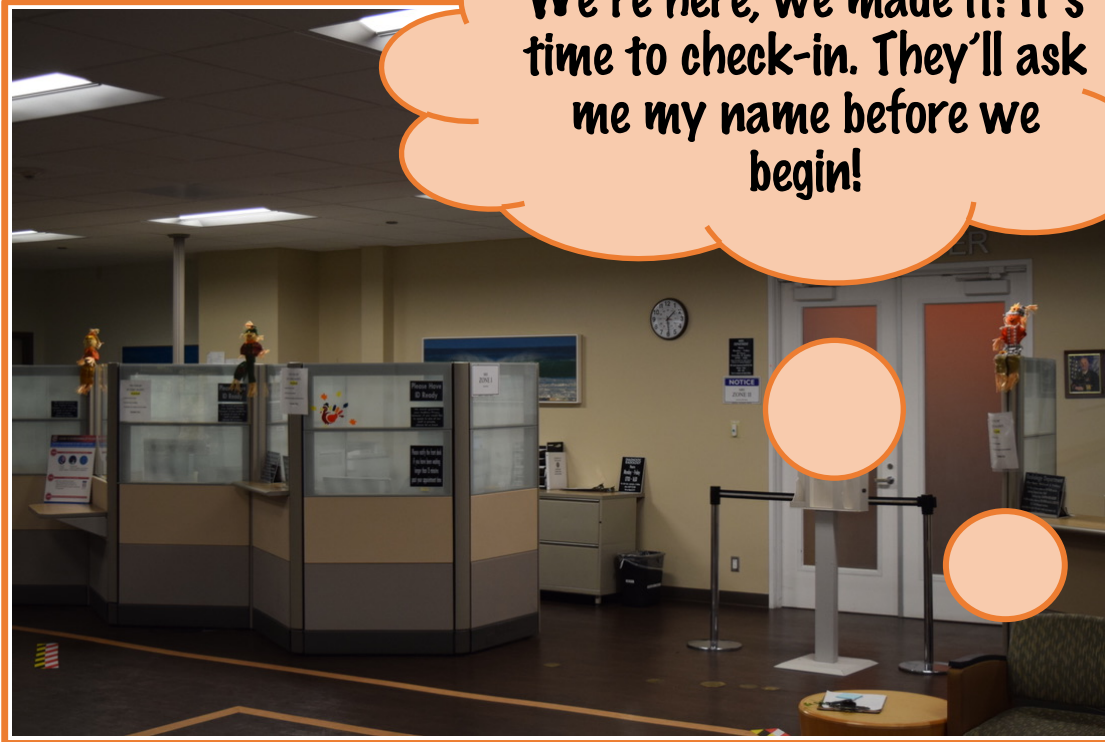


When you first get to the hospital, you and your family will park in a big parking lot and walk to the elevator.



We can soon step inside when the doors open wide!

We're here, we made it! It's time to check-in. They'll ask me my name before we begin!



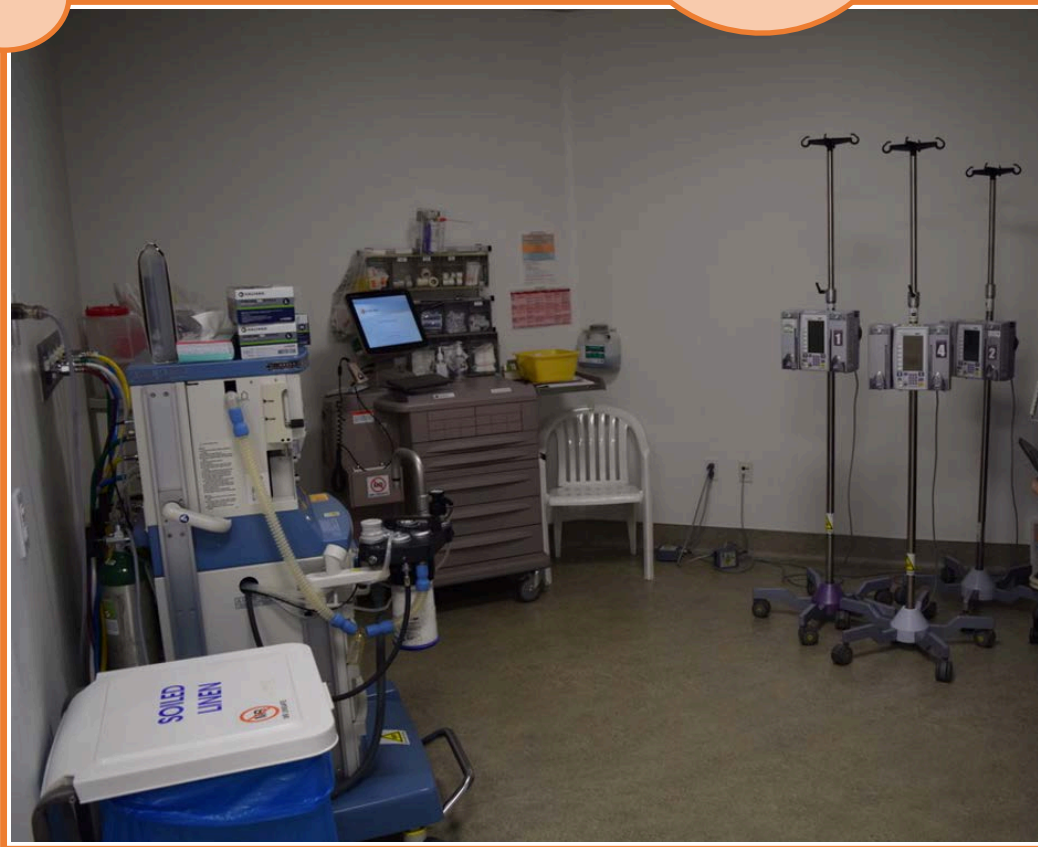
Your doctors will see how big and tall you are when you stand on the cool tiger scale in the MRI hold area.



And the friendly nurses will inflate a special balloon around your arm to see how strong your heart is.

**I was wheeled to this
room on a bed that goes
VROOM!**

**I'll go softly to sleep so I
can't hear a peep!**



When it is your turn, you will be asked to come back into the staging area for MRI, where radiology techs and the anesthesia team will be waiting for you! Now is a great time to ask any last-minute questions.

Here's the machine, let's go inside! It looks like a cave, where we can both hide.

It can change colors sometimes and will be very loud, so just imagine yourself fast asleep on a cloud.





Sometimes sedated procedures are done in the PICU. If that's the case, here's where the pediatric PICU staff will get your child ready for their sedation and procedure.

Your child will likely be observed for a few hours after the MRI or procedure to ensure they're back to their baseline after getting sedation medications.



**"That wasn't so bad", I
thought in my head.**

**"To think I was nervous and
filled with such dread!"**



**Now that we're through, I'll say goodbye
to you. But remember me, friend, and I'll
remember you, too!**

**Our time at the hospital was pleasant
and fun! This team at Balboa is second to
none!**