

Preparing for an Enucleation: surgery to remove a sick eye

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Hi! I'm **Kamau**. I'm going to the **hospital** for special surgery. It's called an **Enucleation**.
That means **removing my eye** that is too sick.



My caregiver will take me to **register** at the hospital.



We will wait in the **waiting room**. I can **play** or watch a **video**.



We will move to the **Pre-Op playroom** to wait for my turn in the **Operating Room**. I can play here.



Nurses may **weigh me** on a **scale** and help me to change into a **gown**. This keeps the operating room clean.



I will wear the **gown**. Nurses, doctors and Child Life Specialists will wear special clothes called **Scrubs**.



In the **operating room** I will lay on a special table, with my head on a soft **round pillow**.



This is me laying on the **table** in the **Operating Room**.



The Operating room has big bright **lights** and **equipment** to help complete my procedure.



Next I will be given a special **sleepy medicine** that is like air. The **Anesthesiologist** will place a plastic **mask** over my nose and mouth so I can breathe in the medicine. I will fall **asleep**.



Special **stickers** will be placed on my chest when I am asleep. These are connected to a machine that monitors my **heart** and my **breathing**.



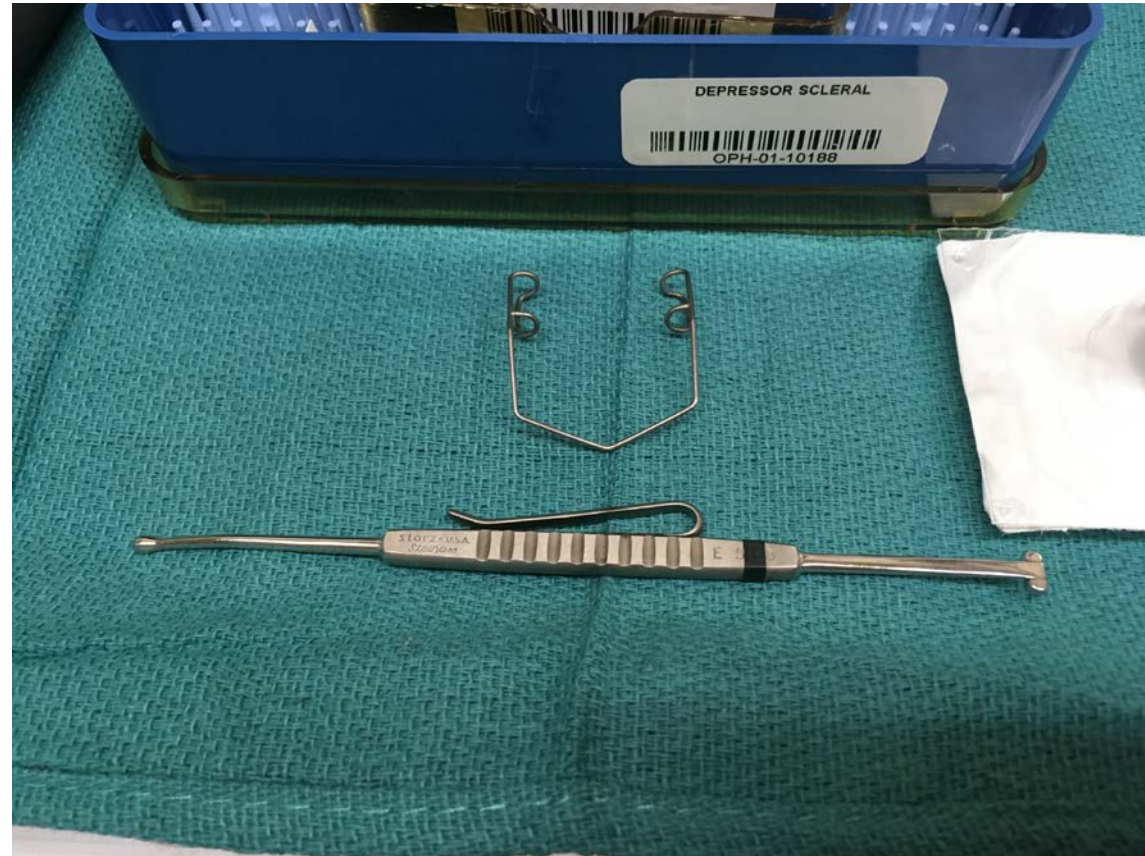
A blood pressure cuff will be on my arm to monitor how my blood moves throughout my body.



I will receive a **brannula** or **Intravenous (IV)** in my hand. It is a **small straw** that can give my body **water** and **medicine** during my procedure through my **veins**.



My Eye Doctor, the **ophthalmologist**, has **special tools** that are just for my eyes. These tools help the doctor see my eye better.



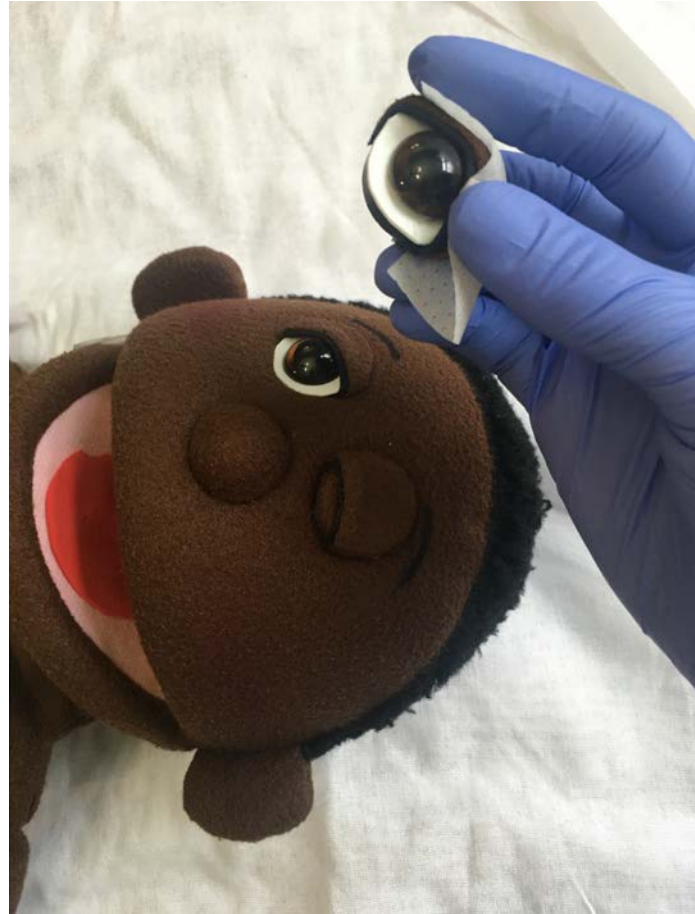
My ophthalmologist wears a special device that **magnifies** what they look at, like my **eye**!



My doctor will use a **speculum** to help my eye stay **open**, and will use a **magnifying glass** to see my eye up close.



My doctor will use a **special tool** to safely remove my sick eye.



After my sick eye is removed, the doctor will cover my **eye socket** with a **bandage**.



After my **EUA** I will wake up in the recovery room with a **mask** on my face **blowing cool air**.



After a day or two, my doctor will take off the bandage. My eye lid may be closed and a bit swollen. This is normal.



I will be able to go home to heal and play.



When my eye socket is healed and ready I will meet the ocularist to make a **prosthetic eye**. The prosthetic eye will be made to look like my other eye.



Prosthetic eyes **cannot see**. My prosthetic fits into my socket and looks like my eye. Prosthetic eyes can be made in all eye colors for different people.



I Hope this book helps explain Enucleation.

BYE!

