Remicade® Infusion at the Pediatric Diagnostic and Therapy Center

Your doctor has ordered a medicine called Remicade® (Infliximab) for your child. It is given as an infusion through an intravenous (IV). You will be in the Pediatric Diagnostic and Therapy Center for about 3 hours.

What should I bring?
You can plan to bring comfort items, snacks, and things to do such as school work and crafts. We have movies that your child may watch, some crafts and games, and a playroom. Meal trays can be ordered from our menu.

What do I need to know about the infusion?
When you arrive your child may be given two oral medicines: Tylenol® (acetaminophen) and Zyrtec® (cetirizine) to prevent a Remicade® reaction.

A child life specialist helps prepare and distract your child for the IV. It is a very soft tiny tube that looks like a straw. It will go into one of your child’s veins. We offer numbing cream for comfort. From the IV we get a sample of blood to test to see how your child is responding to Remicade®.

While Remicade® is given; your child is watched for side effects. We take your child’s blood pressure, heart rate, and temperature.

Your child’s nurse practitioner and doctor may come to see your child during the Remicade® infusion and answer any questions you may have. They talk with you about the lab results and make changes to your child’s treatment plan if needed.

An adult needs to stay with children less than 18 years of age.

If your child is not feeling well and has a fever or cold symptoms, it is important to call 608-263-6420 and ask for the doctor that orders your Remicade®. This doctor may want to see you or postpone the Remicade® infusion.

To schedule or re-schedule your appointment, please call 608-263-9540.

Your health care team may have given you this information as part of your care. If so, please use it and call if you have any questions. If this information was not given to you as part of your care, please check with your doctor. This is not medical advice. This is not to be used for diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Because each person’s health needs are different, you should talk with your doctor or others on your health care team when using this information. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Copyright © 5/2015 University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. All rights reserved. Produced by the Department of Nursing. HF#7827