

## A dozen reasons to call your Play Specialist...

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1. I want this patient to know about the procedure that will occur. **Call Play Specialist for therapeutic medical play and intervention.**
2. I want to offer this patient a chance to **learn coping strategies** for use during challenging/ painful/ intrusive treatments.
3. My patient will benefit from therapeutic interventions such as **preparation, distraction and pain management.**
4. I would like this patient to **demonstrate his/her knowledge of ongoing care routines** as revealed through his/her play.
5. I would like to know this **patient's perception of his/her diagnosis and treatment** as revealed through play.
6. My patient will have **surgery** and needs **pre-surgical information in** a simple, easy to understand language that is developmentally appropriate.
7. My patient has **siblings who need assistance in understanding** their brother or sister's illness or injury.
8. My patient wants to learn how to **share information about his/her illness or injury** with friends, classmates and others.
9. I want this patient's caregiver to have additional **information about the possible impact of the illness or injury on their child's development.**
10. I would like to ensure that my patient encounters a **positive learning experience** while hospitalised.
11. My patient needs assistance in dealing with **stress and/or anxiety** related to their medical experience.
12. I would like to **assess our environment through the eyes of the child.**