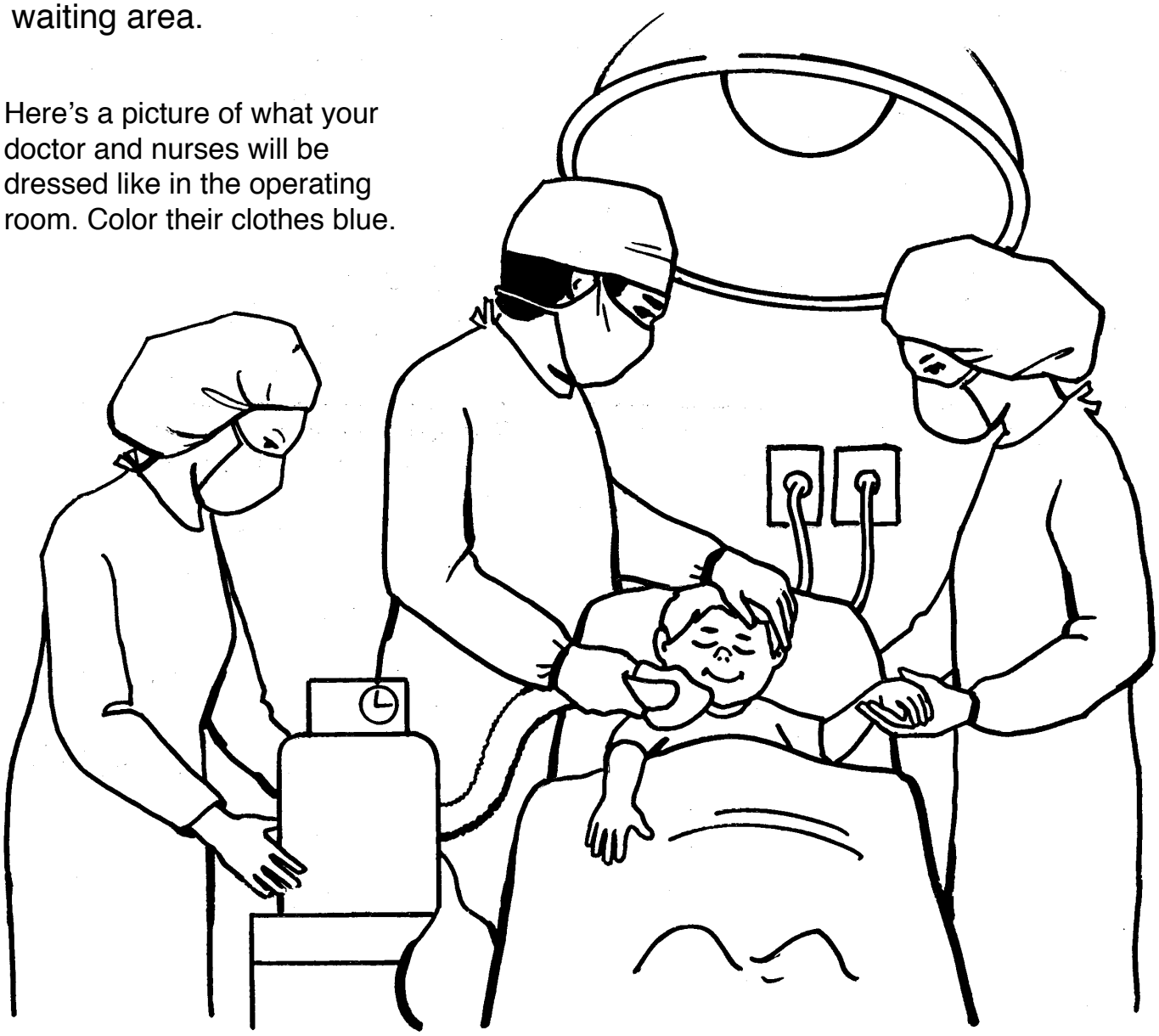
If you come to the hospital to have surgery, (an operation to fix a part of your body), this is what will happen to you.

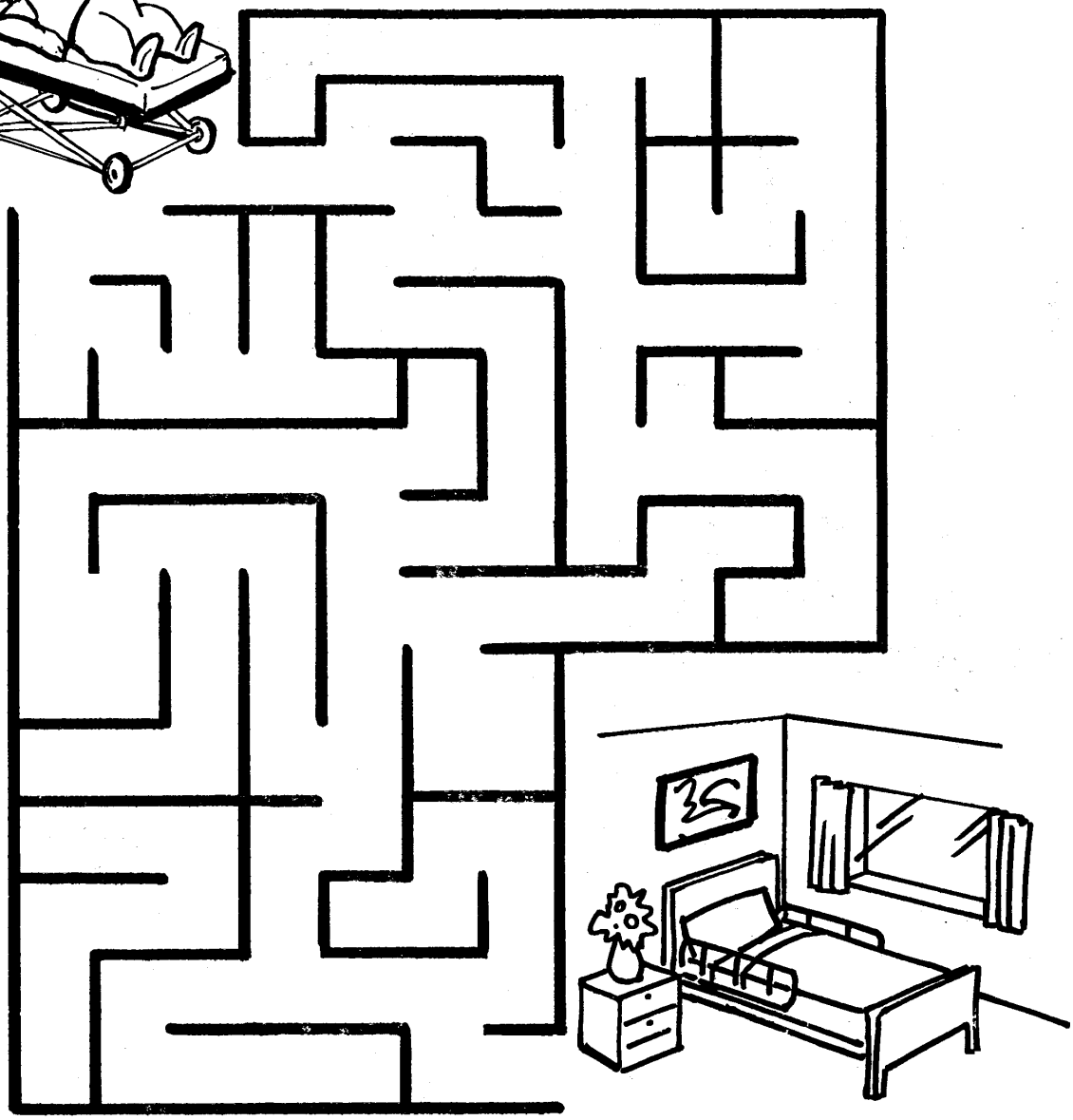
On the morning of your surgery, you will not be able to eat or drink anything because it may upset your stomach during surgery. A person will take you to a special room with special equipment and lights you will be given a special type of medicine that will make you fall asleep. You will be asleep while your doctor fixes what is wrong. Your doctor and nurses will be wearing blue clothes and masks. Some children are scared of these people because all they can see is their eyes and they don't know who is under the mask, but you don't need to be afraid because these people dressed in blue only want to help you. While you are having surgery your family can wait in the family waiting area.

Here's a picture of what your doctor and nurses will be dressed like in the operating room. Color their clothes blue.



After Surgery

you wake up in the recovery room, and you will see people dressed in blue again. They will check your blood pressure again and listen to your heart. Someone is always with you—these people dressed in blue are your friends in the hospital and they will help you and your family find your way back to your room.

Help the Avera McKennan Cares Bear and his friend find the way back to the room.

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