

# Time for pictures!

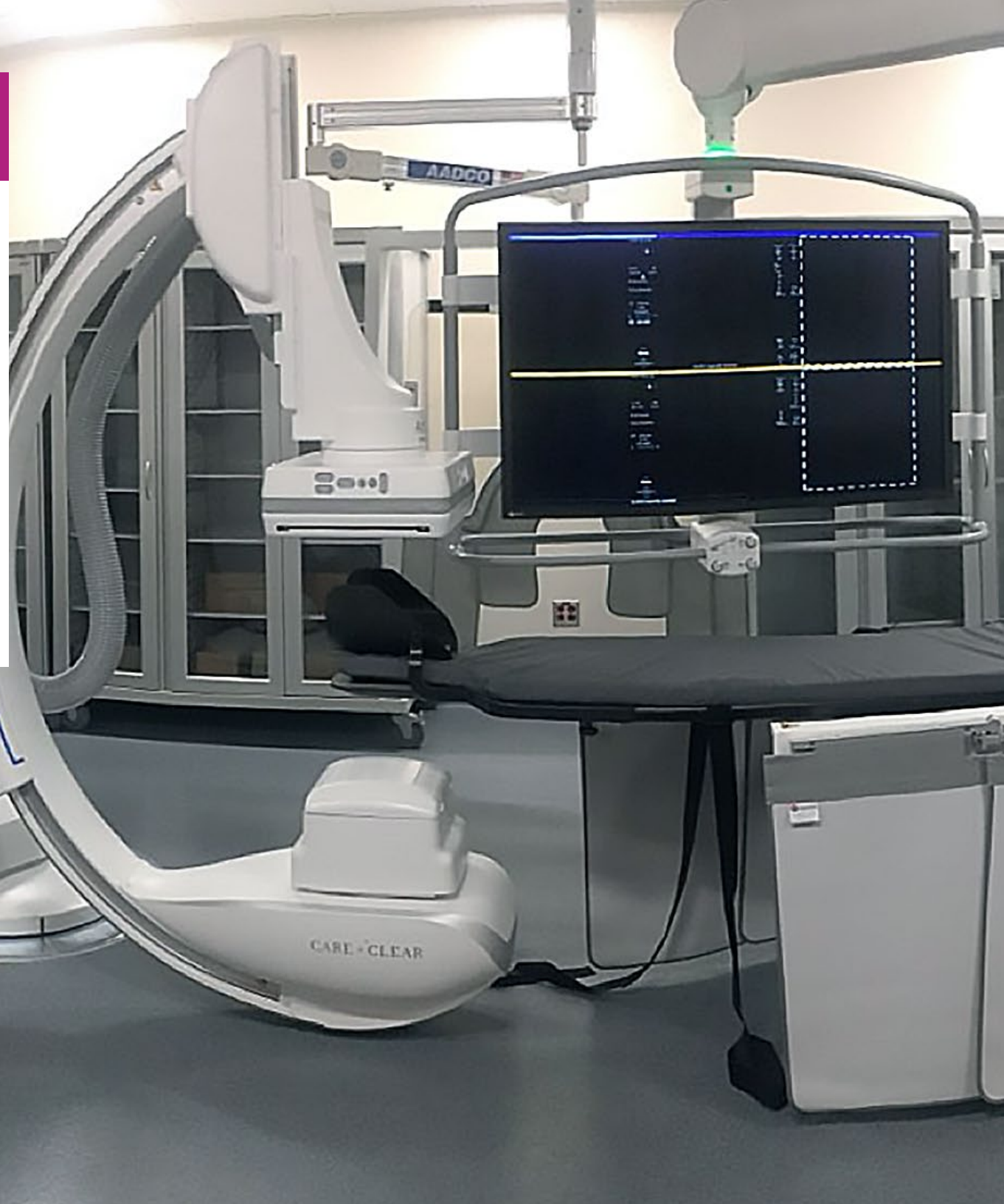
You're going to **interventional radiology**.  
Here's what that's all about.



# What is an IR?

Kids go to interventional radiology (IR for short) because they need to have a procedure done with pictures of the inside of their body. The interventional radiology room uses different types of cameras to take the pictures. These pictures help doctors to see the inside of your body during the procedure.

There are many different procedures that kids have in IR. Do you know what procedure you need to have?



# Arriving at the hospital

When you come to the hospital for your IR procedure, you and your caregiver will check in at registration in the main lobby of the hospital. You and your caregiver will get a bracelet to wear. The bracelet has your name and birthday on it.



# Where you'll wait

After registration, you and your caregiver will go to the radiology waiting room and check in with a receptionist at the front desk. There's a little room just for kids! This room has a table, chairs and TV. When it's time for your pictures, a radiology nurse will come to the waiting room and call your name. The nurse will bring you to the nurse's holding area.



# Let's check out the nurse's holding area

There's a bed for you to sit or lie on, chairs for your caregivers and a TV!



# What happens in the nurse's holding area?

You will:

- Stand on a scale to see how much you weigh.
- Change into hospital PJs.
- Check your temperature. The thermometer slides across your forehead and behind your ear.
- Take your blood pressure. Which arm do you want to use? Your left or right?
- Put a red light on your finger to see how well you are breathing.

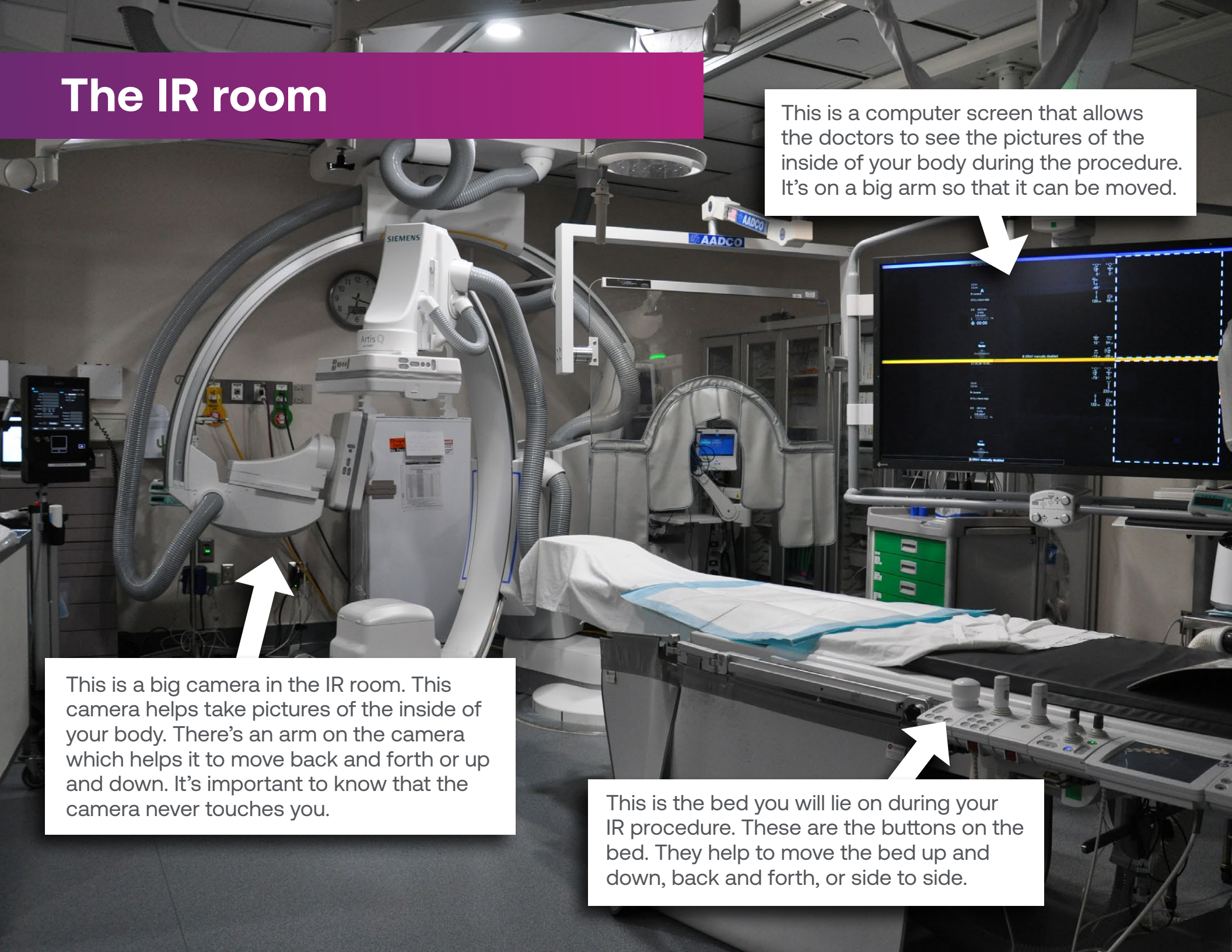


# The IR room

This is a computer screen that allows the doctors to see the pictures of the inside of your body during the procedure. It's on a big arm so that it can be moved.

This is a big camera in the IR room. This camera helps take pictures of the inside of your body. There's an arm on the camera which helps it to move back and forth or up and down. It's important to know that the camera never touches you.

This is the bed you will lie on during your IR procedure. These are the buttons on the bed. They help to move the bed up and down, back and forth, or side to side.



# Your care team

Because we only want pictures of you, everyone else in the room will wear lead aprons. They will also wear something over their neck that looks like a necklace. It is called a “thyroid shield.”





# The IR room monitors

This is a picture of one of the monitors in the room. Monitors help the doctors know how your body is working. For example, how you're breathing and how fast your heart is beating.



# Recovery room

After your IR procedure, you will go to the recovery room. This is the room where you will wake up. Your caregiver and a nurse will be in the room with you.



# Our child life specialists are here to help

Child life specialists can help reduce a child's fear associated with the hospital environment. They do this through therapeutic play, developmentally appropriate medical preparation and coping support. They can help you and your family understand what to expect during your IR procedure.



# Questions?

After reading this, you might have questions. Feel free to write them down (by yourself or with the help of your caregiver) and bring them with you to the hospital. We will make sure all your questions are answered before we start!



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# GREAT JOB!

**That's the end of your procedure!  
You're all done.**

