

Welcome to the Pediatric Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (Pediatric EMU)

Follow along as Emma
comes to UVA for her EMU exam.



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After leaving the EEG Laboratory, Emma goes to UVA Hospital Admissions.



- 1 After the paperwork is filled out, Emma waits here for her Pediatric EMU room to be ready on 7 Central.



- 2** The Pediatric EMU is where Emma will stay for at least one night and possibly for a few days, so that the doctors can learn more about her brain activity.



- 3** Emma wears a bandana over her electrodes and has a special pack to hold the monitor.



Emma's Room



4 Emma will stay in her room for a few days. She brought her favorite toys, blanket and games with her.

Emma is allowed to have visitors and her mom is going to stay with her in the room.



5 **There is a camera on the wall in her room that is recording Emma.**

Sometimes the person using the camera says “hi” or asks Emma to move closer to her bed. Emma tells the person when she needs to use the bathroom, since she will be out of sight.



6 Emma likes to wave to the person watching her.

In her room, Emma's electrodes are attached to a long cord that goes to the wall.

Emma must stay in her room for the whole visit. Her cord is long enough for her to move around.



Emma's Visitors



7 Lots of people come in and out of Emma's room while she is in the Pediatric EMU.

Visitors include nurses, school teachers, people from the kitchen, housekeepers, child life specialists, volunteers, doctors, residents, nursing students and more.



Going Home

Emma will go home after the doctors have all the information they need.

Emma's doctor and nurse will come in and talk to her family about what they learned and what they need to do next.



8 Before Emma can go home, her electrodes are removed.

A liquid goo remover is used to unstick the electrodes from Emma's head. This has a funny smell.



- 9** Next, a warm soapy shower cap is put on Emma's head and rubbed into her hair to help remove some of the goo. Emma's hair feels wet.



Emma had a great time at UVA Children's Hospital in the Pediatric EMU.



If you have additional questions about your visit, please call 434.924.8662.



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