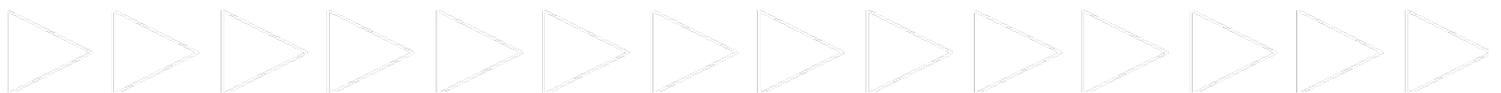


# Amelia's Special Day in Brain Surgery



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Amelia needs brain surgery. It's okay though, because Dr. Quinsey and her team are experts in just that!



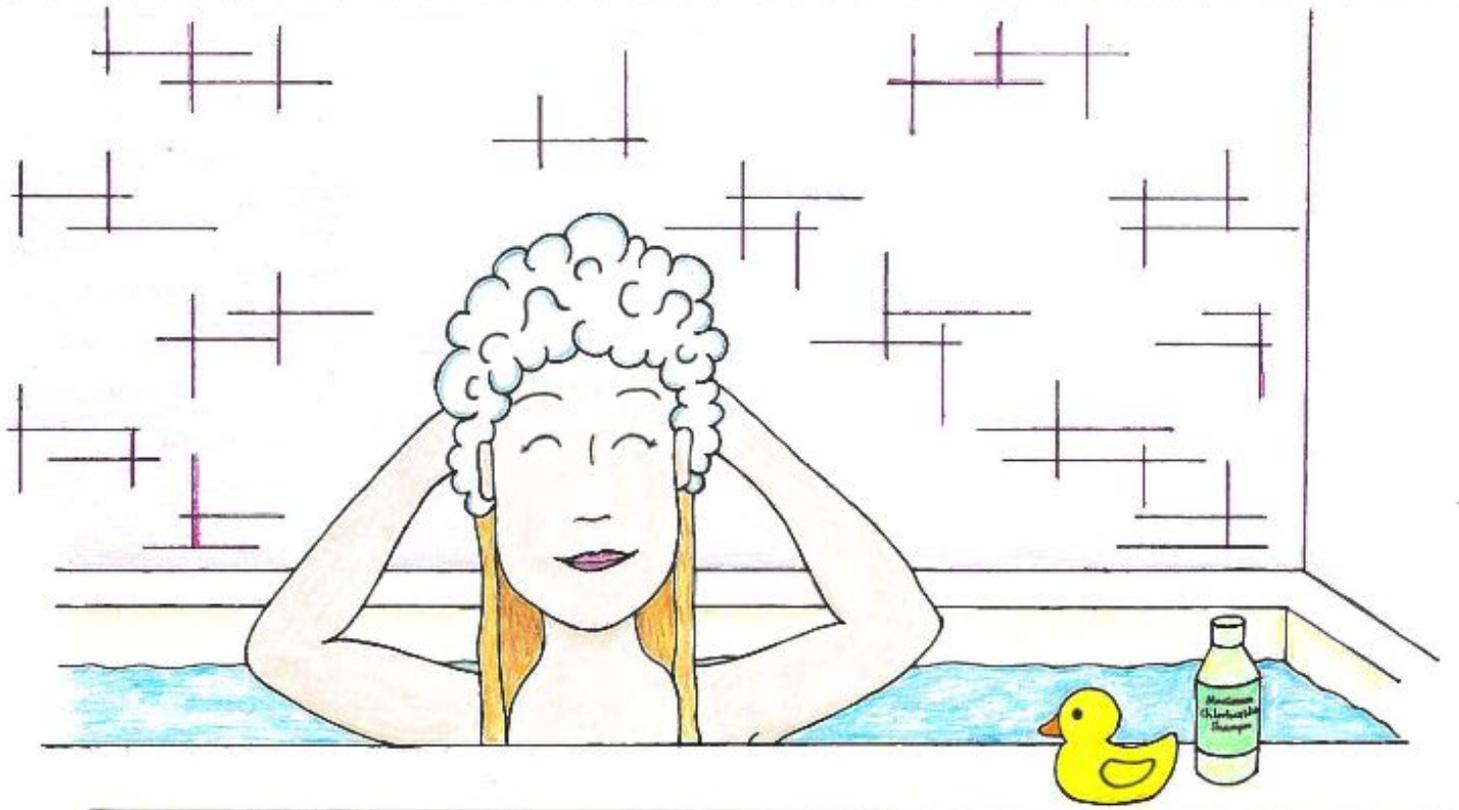
Of course, Amelia's favorite teddy bear is coming with her to the hospital.

She will feel cozy before and after surgery.

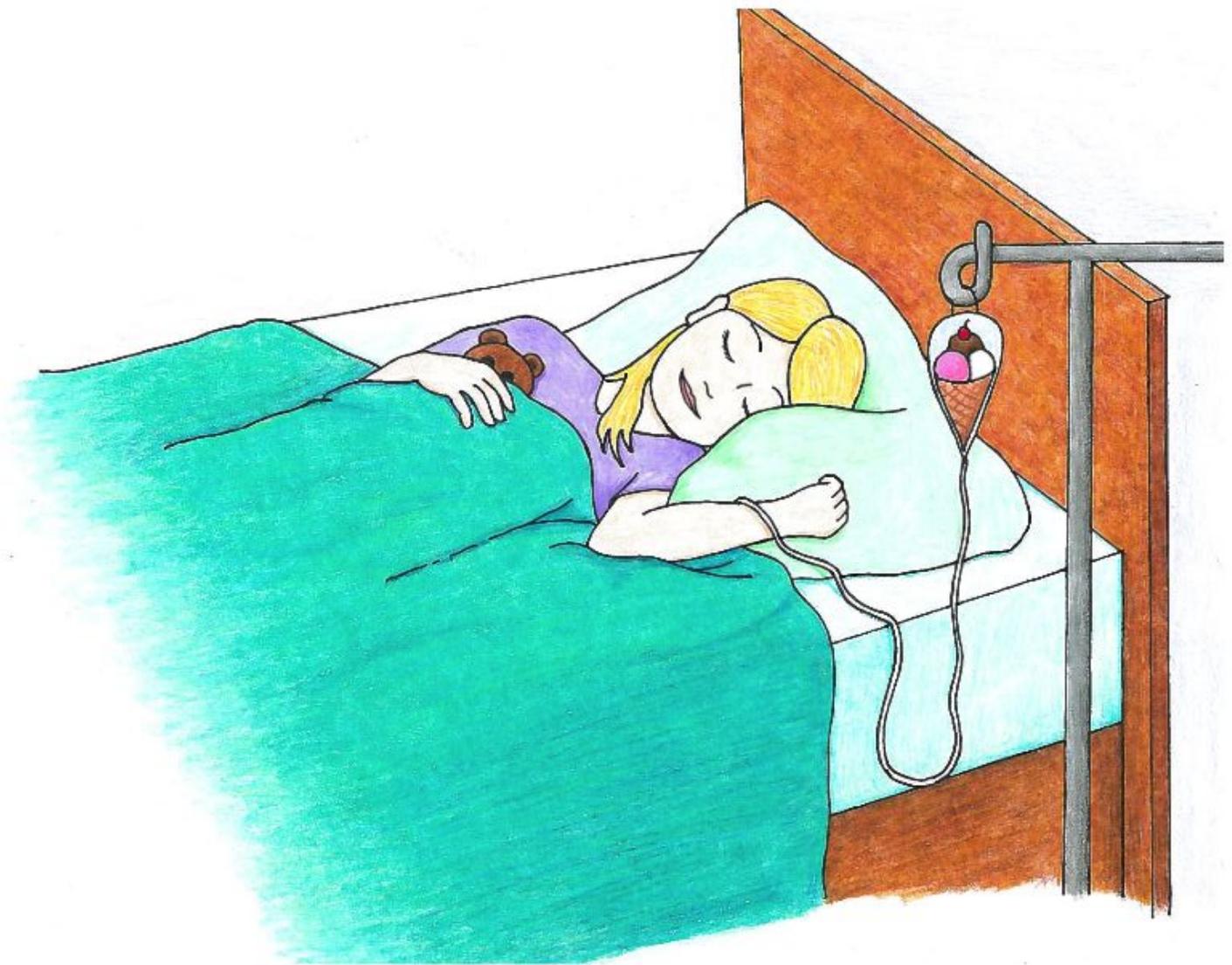


Amelia uses a special soap to take a bath before surgery.

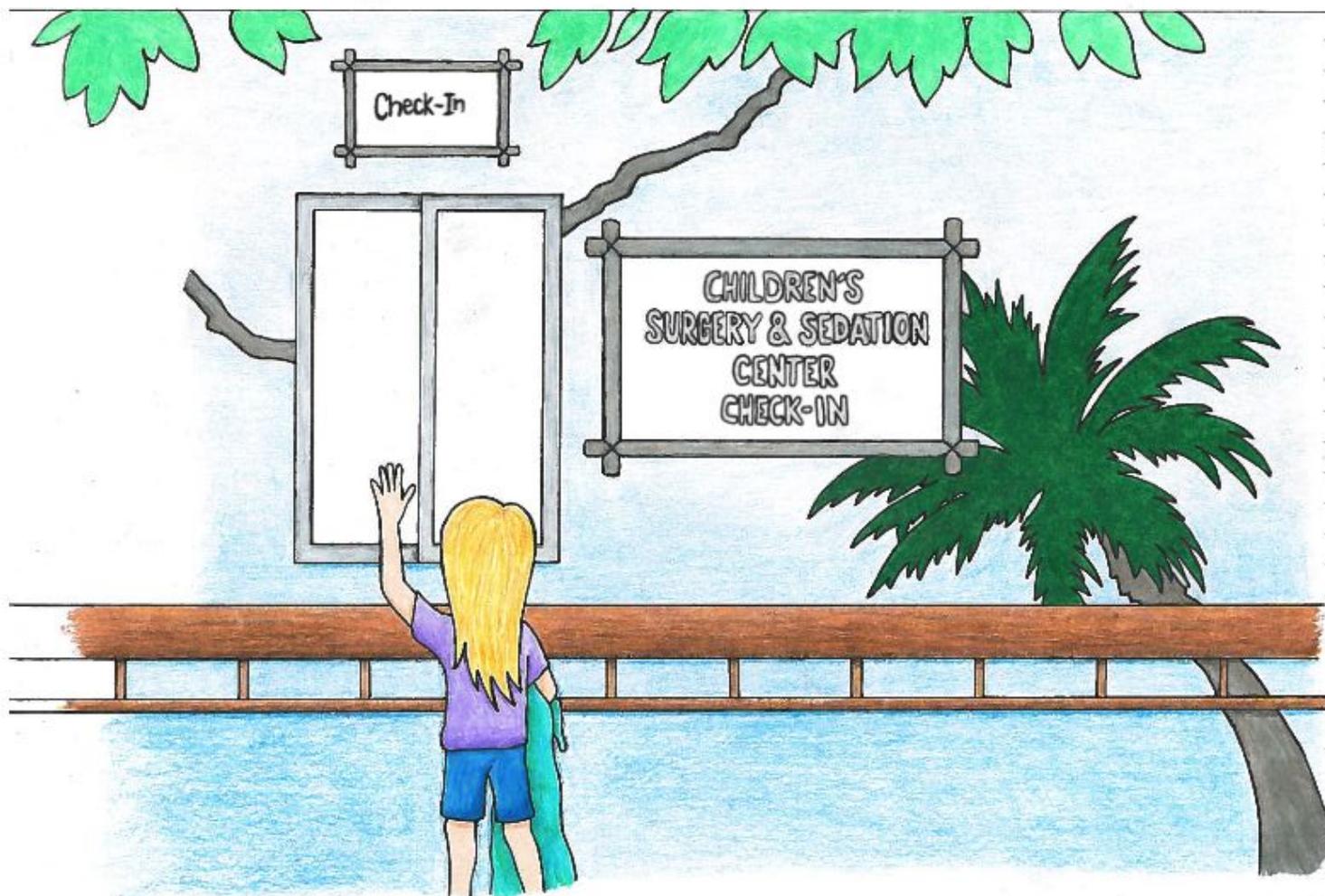
All of us have germs on our skin, but we don't want them to come to the hospital with us!



No breakfast for Amelia the morning of surgery. It's hard! But Amelia knows that safe surgery is done when her tummy is empty. Amelia's parents eat breakfast before she's awake so that she doesn't have to think about it. How nice!

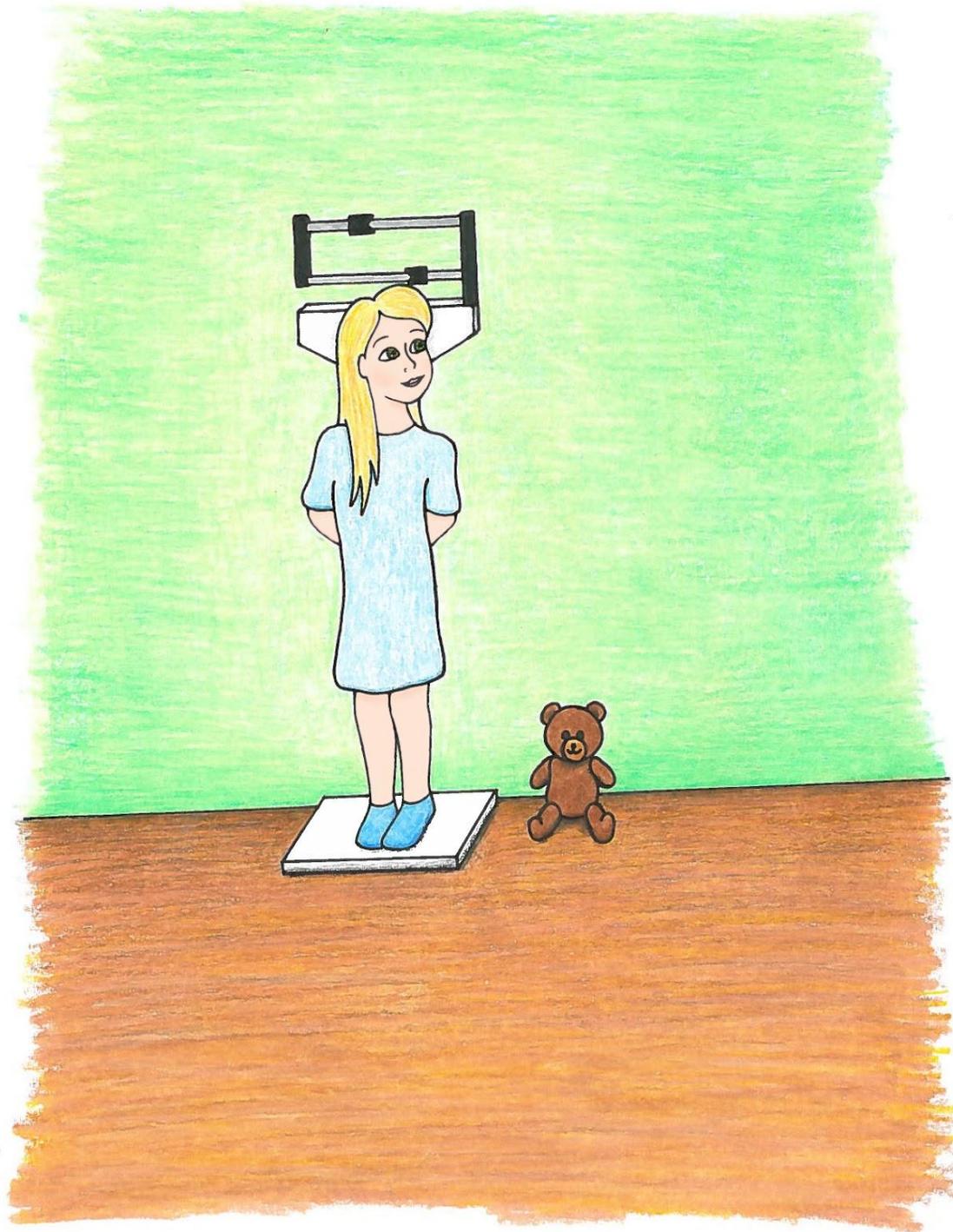


After parking and walking into the hospital, Amelia proudly tells the check-in desk her name, and introduces her teddy bear, whose name is Rocket.



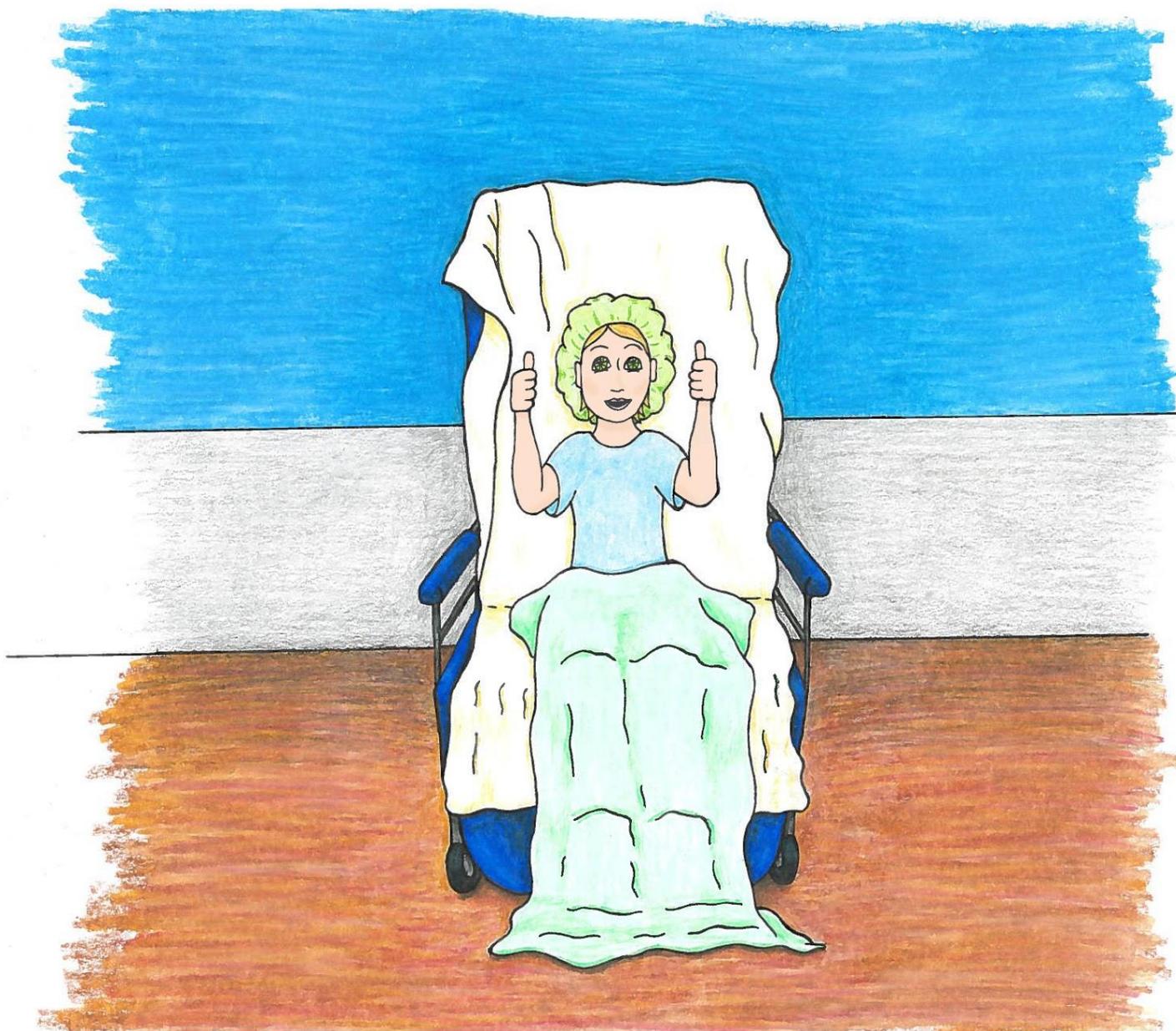
The nurse weighs Amelia and gives her some fun hospital pajamas to wear.

The operating room nurses meet Amelia and her parents to make sure all of the paperwork is in order and questions are answered.



The anesthesiologist (doctor who makes sure Amelia is asleep and comfy for surgery) meets her and answers her questions about the IV and being asleep.

She feels really good about the plan.



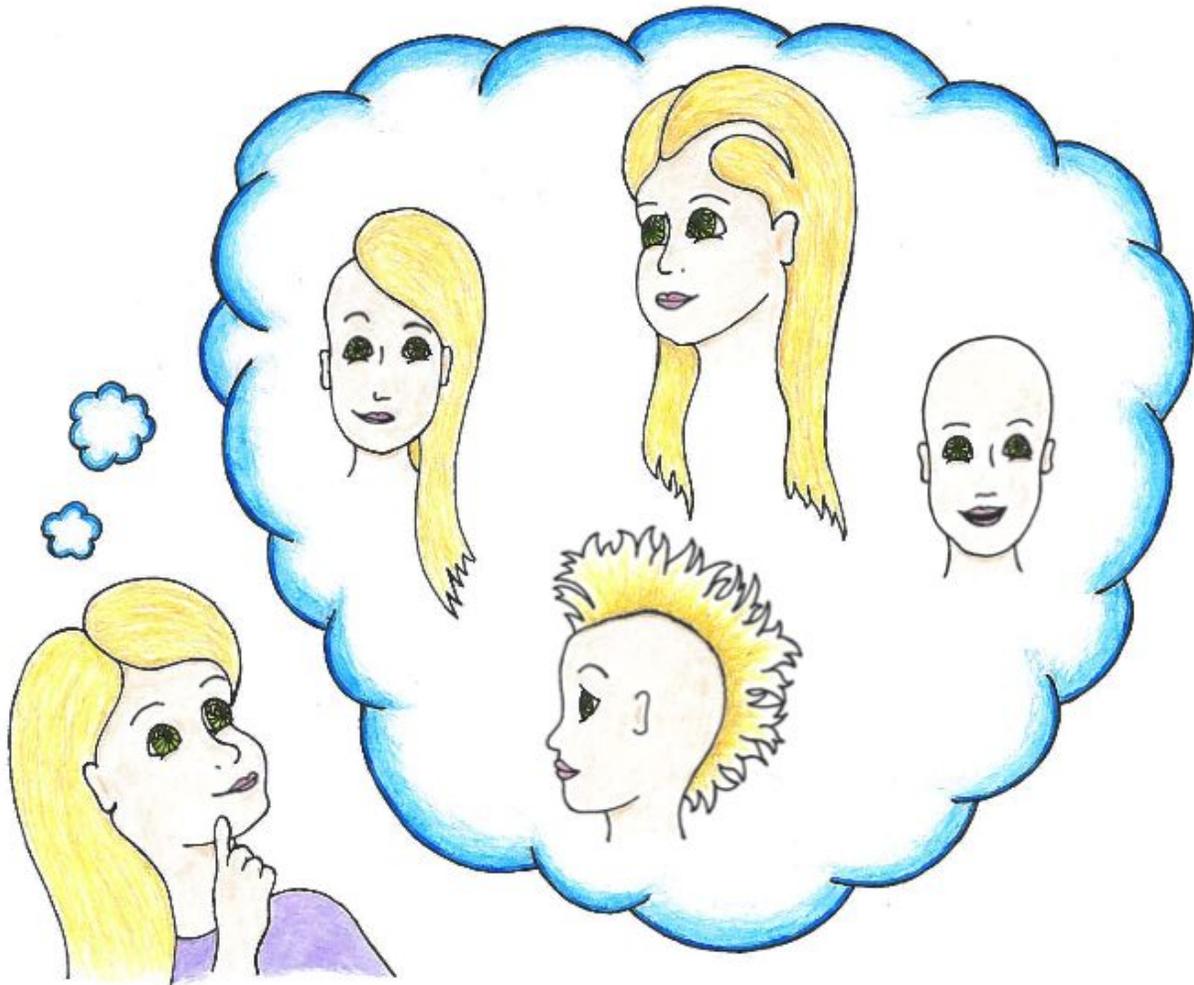
What does my brain look like? What color is it? Amelia wants to know, so she asks Dr. Quinsey.

Dr. Quinsey and her team put a mark on Amelia's head with a marker.



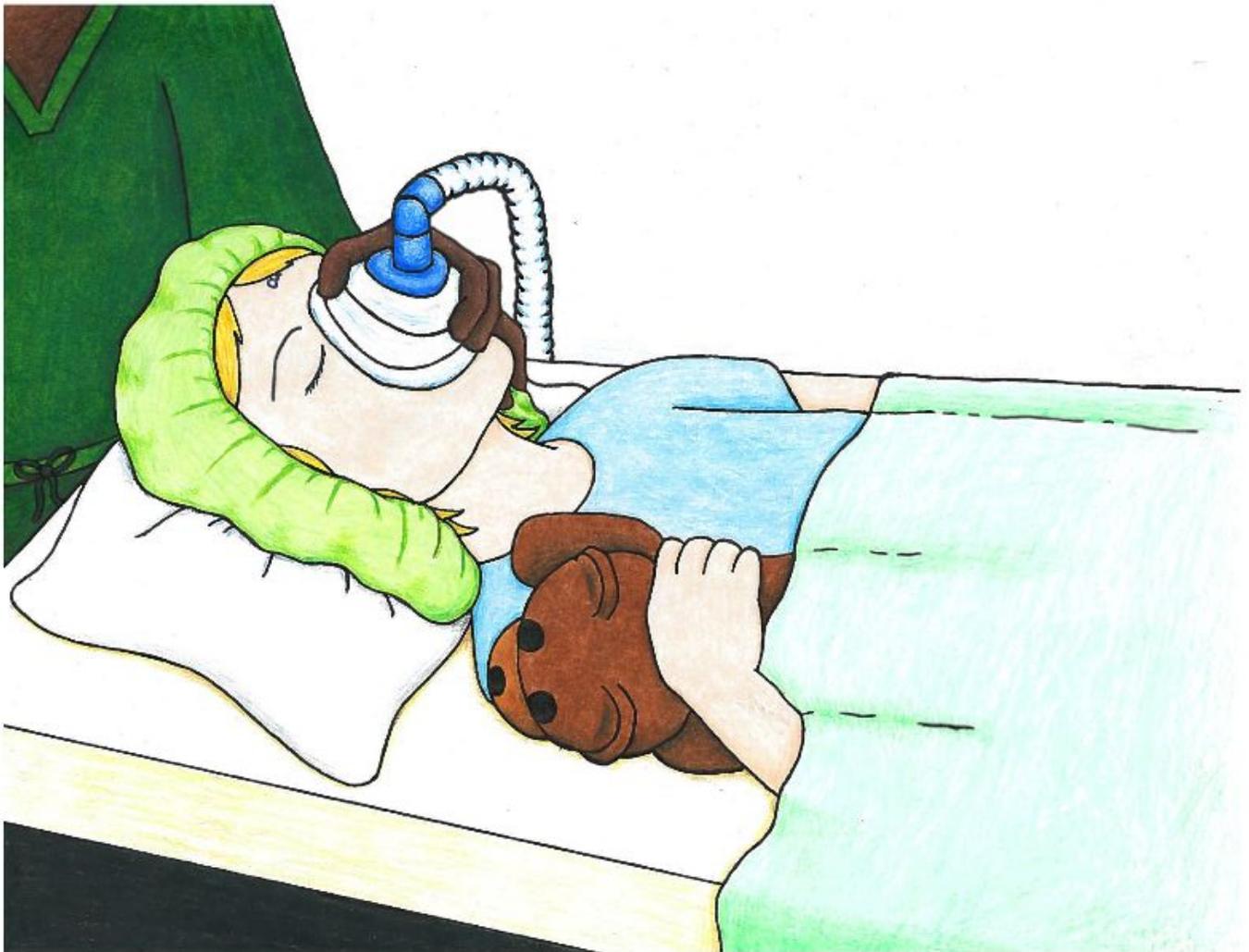
Amelia considered a mohawk, bald cut, or thin strip haircut.

With her parents, she decides on very little hair to be cut and tells Dr. Quinsey.



Time to blow out candles! The anesthesia doctor gives Amelia extra air to breath and to get her ready for surgery. After that, Amelia picks out a good dream and catches some zzzzzzzz's.

Sweet Dreams!



“Are you awake?”

Amelia wakes up to her nurse making sure she is comfortable, and she is. In fact, she gets a popsicle as soon as her tummy feels good.

Her parents are right there when she is awake and if she needs anything.

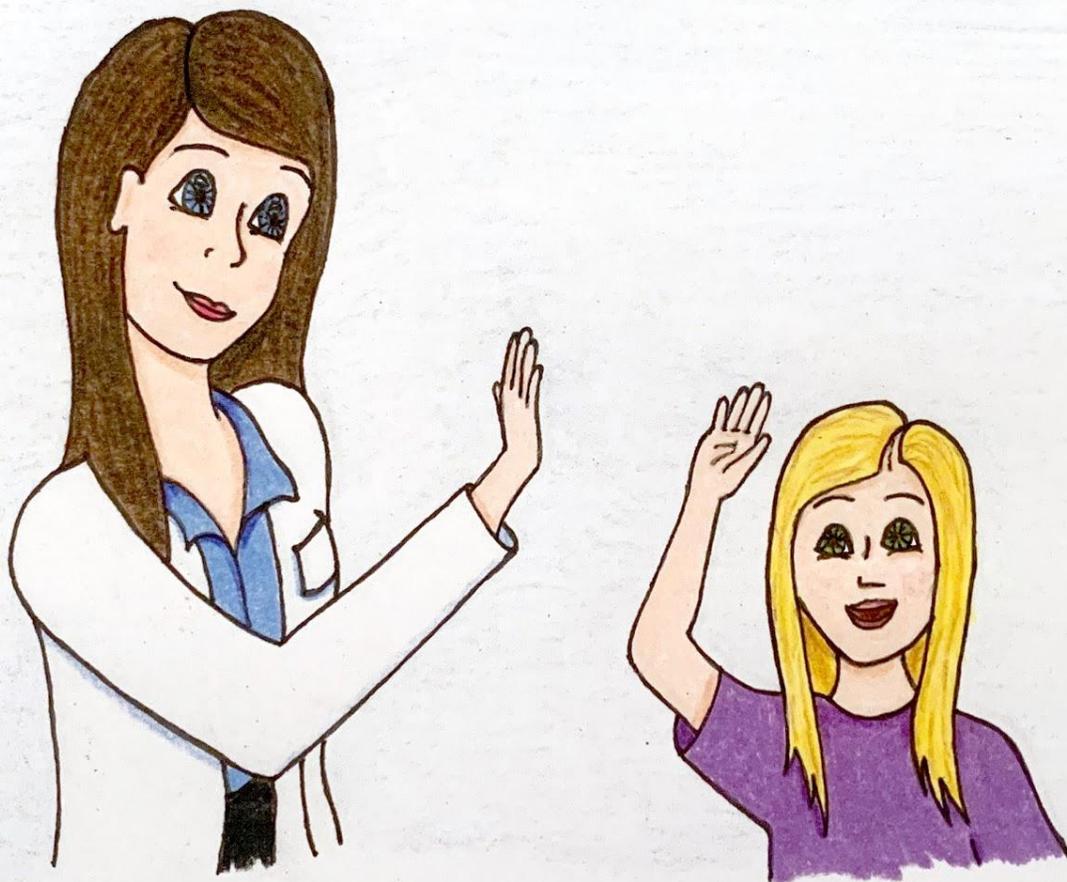


Amelia has some new special tubes called IVs on her hands, arms, or feet. It's a good thing she has them, since they give her sugar, water, and medicine.

Amelia isn't bothered by the IV, but it does feel funny because normally she doesn't have one. She decides it's best to leave it alone.

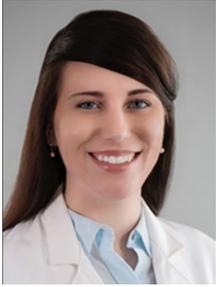


When she comes to see Dr. Quinsey a few weeks later, she gives her a high five and tells her all about the things she is doing at home with her teddy bear Rocket.



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