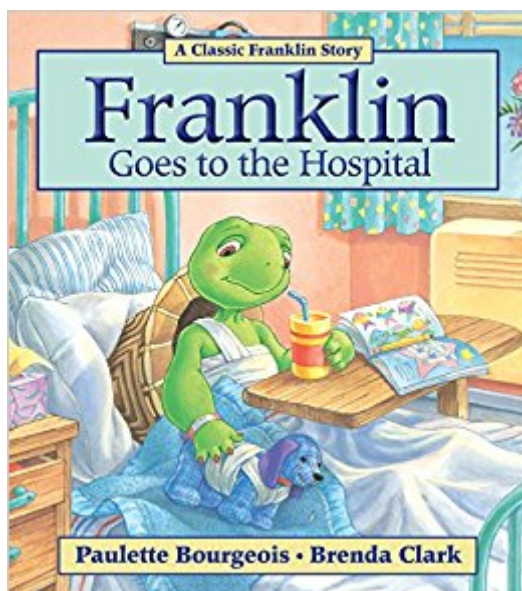


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# Franklin Goes To The Hospital



## Synopsis

In this Franklin Classic Storybook, our hero goes to the hospital for an operation to repair his broken shell, and everyone thinks he's being very brave. But Franklin is only pretending to be fearless. He's worried that his X-rays will show just how frightened he is inside. With the help of Dr. Bear, Franklin learns that even though he's feeling scared, he can still be brave.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

The satisfying ending, Clarke's brightly colored illustrations of Franklin and his family, and Franklin's approach to life will comfort children of a broad age range. [View all customer reviews](#)

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The BEST book to read for a toddler who has to go to the hospital. So incredibly thankful for this book!!!! My 3 year old had to have minor surgery in the hospital, so I bought this book to help prepare him for the big day. Like many other toddlers, he does much better in situations where he knows what is going to happen. We started reading it about 2 weeks before his procedure and he took to it right away. He would pick it out to read at bedtime. He loves Franklin and I think he wanted to know what was going to happen on surgery day. The night before surgery, he actually read me the book-he had it memorized! It has a good amount of text and is very accurate! Surgery day went very well, thanks in large part to this book! Franklin cracked his shell playing soccer. His Mom noticed it at bath time and they had to see the doctor to put a pin in it so he can grow big and strong. The book included content about preparing for the hospital (Franklin reads a book and talks with friends), what happens at the hospital (the doctors wear hats and masks, the doctor takes his temp/blood pressure, x-rays, etc) and how he is feeling (feeling scared, being brave).

I ordered this for my 3 year old before he went in for heart surgery. It tells generally every step a child goes through before having surgery, from the initial doctor visit, to waiting around hungry, to doctors and nurses scrubbed up with masks and hairnets in the OR. I really feel like how smooth my son handled his surgery was due much in part to me reading him this book every day and multiple times on the day of surgery. I recommend reading it ahead of time and then during the the surgery process, pointing out parts in Franklins story as your child goes through them. So very comforting and it engages your child and calms them. With this book my child had a little idea in mind of what to expect.

My 3 year old needed to have his tonsils and adenoids removed. I bought several children's books including "Franklin goes to the Hospital". Of the books I bought I found this one to be the best to help me prepare my son for his surgery. I found this book to be age appropriate for a preschooler, and of an appropriate length- the other books I bought were much longer than typical preschool books. While the overall theme of the book is being brave and what that means, it also covers: not eating before surgery, anesthesia, x-rays, needles, hospital bracelets, wheelchairs, waiting rooms, doctor masks and how hospitals look and smell. In the book, Franklin gets injured playing soccer, and needs to have a pin put in his shell so that it will grow properly. The book then goes through the steps before and after surgery. We read this book every night for 3 weeks before my sons surgery. When surgery day came it was very easy to explain who the doctors were, and what was going on and my son seemed less nervous than me. I highly

recommend this book to any family of a preschooler, who has to have surgery big or small.

My 4yo son was born with a congenital heart defect called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS). Basically he was born with a non-functioning left side of his heart. He had surgery at 1 week and again at 4 months, but his third surgery was a few weeks ago. He's old enough now to know what's going on and I wanted to help prepare him as best as I could. We read this book several times in the weeks leading up to his surgery and it really helped! He remembered many parts of the book during his pre-op, like getting a bracelet with his name on it. I really think it helped prepare him for what to expect as best as any resource could!

We bought this book to prepare my 3 3/4 year old daughter for a tonsillectomy. It does a wonderful job of describing in a non-threatening way the types of things you see in a hospital. She loved the book so much that she could "read" it to me before her surgery. Between this and "Goodbye Tonsils Good-bye Tonsils! (Picture Puffin Books)" she was well prepared, and was totally calm through the whole experience, which is amazing given that she is very sensitive and easily distressed. My 22-month-old also fell in love with the book, and asks for it on a regular basis. This ended up being a huge help to us when she knocked herself out in a fall against a metal picnic table and thereby earned herself a 45 minute ambulance ride and an overnight stay in the hospital. By halfway through the ambulance ride she had calmed down and we were able to talk about how what she was seeing and feeling was like what Franklin experienced. (Franklin didn't have an ambulance ride, but did ride a gurney and have heart monitors, and the high wheeled crib Franklin rode in looked just like my daughter's.) She, too, was completely comfortable at the hospital. You never know when an accident will require a trip to the hospital, and having a story that gives familiarity with the medical process in a fun way helps tremendously in keeping a child from being scared.

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