



## First Visit Checklist

### Required Items to Bring

We want your arrival to St. Jude to be as welcoming and uncomplicated as possible. To do so we ask that you please bring the following with you to your first visit:

- A government-issued photo identification card (ID) for parent(s) (such as a driver's license, passport or other official ID).
- Copies of any custody or divorce papers (including court orders and parenting plans), guardianship papers, and power of attorney documents to verify who can sign for your child's medical tests and treatments. If you have questions about this, please call:
  - Patient Registration at (901) 595-2010, Monday-Friday 6 a.m.–4:30 p.m., or
  - After 4:30 pm and on weekends, call (901) 595-3300 and have the oncology on-call social worker paged.
- A copy of your child's birth certificate.
- Social Security numbers of patient and parent(s) or guardian(s).
- For patients 18 and older, copies of any advance directives – such as living wills or durable powers of attorney for health care. (If you do not have one of these, you have the right to have one. If you want to learn more about advance directives, please ask us and a St. Jude social worker will give you details about preparing one.)
- Employer information for the patient, parent(s), or guardian(s).
- Emergency contact(s) name, address, and phone numbers.
- Insurance information (including medical, pharmacy, and dental insurance cards).
- Family doctor's name, address, phone, fax, and email address.
- Name of doctor that your insurance company assigned as your child's primary care physician (have address, phone, fax, and e-mail address).
- Prescription medications for the patient.
- Extra supplies of prescription medications for anyone coming with the patient. (Be prepared for an extended stay, just in case).

*If your trip to St. Jude includes air travel, pack all prescription medicines and important papers in a carry-on bag.*

## Suggested Items to Bring

- Clothing for you and your child to last 7–10 days. Remember: Memphis-area weather might be different than it is where you live. Visit the National Weather Service Website at [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) to check the Memphis weather forecast.
- A small number of comfort items for your child, such as a blanket or toys. (Only smooth-surfaced, easy-to-wash toys are allowed in inpatient rooms. If your child needs a small blanket or cloth toy for comfort, discuss this with your St. Jude doctor. If allowed, these items will need regular washing.)
- Photographs of family, friends, and pets to help your child cope with homesickness.
- Your child's robe and slippers (if your child becomes an inpatient, hospital gowns, toothbrushes, and toothpaste will be provided).