



Getting a VP SHUNT (VENTRICULOPERITONEAL SHUNT)

What is a VP shunt?

A VP shunt is a thin plastic tube, like a straw. It moves liquid, called CSF (cerebrospinal fluid), from the area around your child's brain to their stomach. A VP shunt helps when your child has hydrocephalus.

What is hydrocephalus?

Hydrocephalus is when your child has extra liquid around their brain. It can cause them to get headaches, vomit, feel extra sleepy, have trouble walking and be confused.

How does my child get a VP shunt?

Your child will have surgery to have a VP shunt put in their body. They will get medicine, called anesthesia, to help them sleep during their surgery. Your child will stay asleep during surgery and will not feel or remember anything. When they are done getting the VP shunt, they will wake up.

Ventriculoperitoneal (VP) Shunt

