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**Children's Library and Family Resource Center  
Hopkins Children's, CMSC Room 301**

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[Suggested Stories for Children About the Hospital](#) - updated 2009 by librarian *Gwen Rosen*

**Becky's Story: A Book to Share** – Donna Baznik 617 BAZ

Becky gives her account of what it feels like for her when her brother is in hospital after having suffered an accident. Preschool – Grade 3

**Carolina's Story: Sea Turtles Get Sick Too** – Donna Rathmell 617 RAT

The photo journal of "Carolina," a critically ill loggerhead sea turtle, as she is cared for and nursed back to health at the Sea Turtle Hospital. Just like hospitalized children, Carolina goes through a variety of emotions and procedures during her care, recovery process, and her eventual release back to her home - the ocean.

**Curious George Goes to the Hospital** – Margaret and H.A. Rey 617 REY

George, the monkey swallows a part of a jigsaw puzzle, gets a tummy ache, and has to visit the hospital. He gets a barium meal, is x-rayed and has to have an operation to get the piece out. He stays in the hospital for a few days. Preschool to Grade 2

**Elizabeth Gets Well** – Alfons Weber 617 WEB

We follow Elizabeth from the time that she has a stomach ache to the hospital and the various procedures. A sympathetic portrayal of the hospital experience.

**Franklin Goes to the Hospital** – Paulette Bourgeois 617 BOU

Franklin is hurt while playing soccer. His shell is cracked and he has to have an operation. 3 - 6

**Fuzzy and Frankie** – Susan Murray 617 MUR

The story is told by a teddy bear named Fuzzy, who accompanies his young owner Frankie, to the hospital. Fuzzy describes the hospital and Frankie's treatment. Offers suggestions about how children can cope with hospitalization. Preschool

**Going to the Hospital** – Anne Civardi 617 CIV

Ben has earache and goes to the hospital for surgery. 3 – 8

**The Hospital** – Debbie Bailey 617 BAI 2-4

**I Don't Want to Go to Hospital** – Tony Ross

The little Princess doesn't want to go to the hospital, but when her experience is over, she decides that she wants to have her tonsils out, and that she likes the hospital as she was treated like a princess there. 2 – 5

**Katie Goes to the Hospital** – Barbara Taylor Clark 617 CLA

Katie has to go to the hospital to have an operation on her ears. The story follows her until she returns home. 2 – 5

**Let's Talk About Going to the Hospital** – Marianne Johnston 617 JOH 4 – 7

**Max's Daddy Goes to the Hospital** – Danielle Steel 617 STE When his father is injured while rescuing three children from a fire, Max is very worried about him until he is finally allowed to visit him in the hospital. Preschool

**Miffy in the Hospital** – Dick Bruna 617 BRU

Miffy has to have her tonsils out, so she is taken to the hospital. Told very simply. Preschool

**This is a Hospital, Not a Zoo** – Roberta Karim 617 KAR

Hospital patient Filbert MacFee transforms himself into a series of animals to avoid some unpleasant medical procedures, making the nurses so frustrated that he is finally allowed to go home. 3 - 7

**A Visit to the Sesame Street Hospital** – Debbie Hautzig 617 HAU

Grover visits the hospital to find out what to expect when he goes to have his tonsils out.

Preschool – Grade 3

**The Wellness Tree** – Judith Cox 617 COX

The Wellness Tree acts as the hospital for all sick animals, who suffer from Otitis, Pharyngitis, fractures etc. Dr. Hippidy Hoppin, Dr. Dinosaur and other animal doctors take care of the patients. Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> grade

**When Molly was in the Hospital: A Book for brothers and sisters of hospitalized children** – Debbie Duncan 617 DUN

Anna's little sister Molly needs to go to the hospital for an operation. In this sensitive and emotional story, Anna tells about the experience from her point of view.