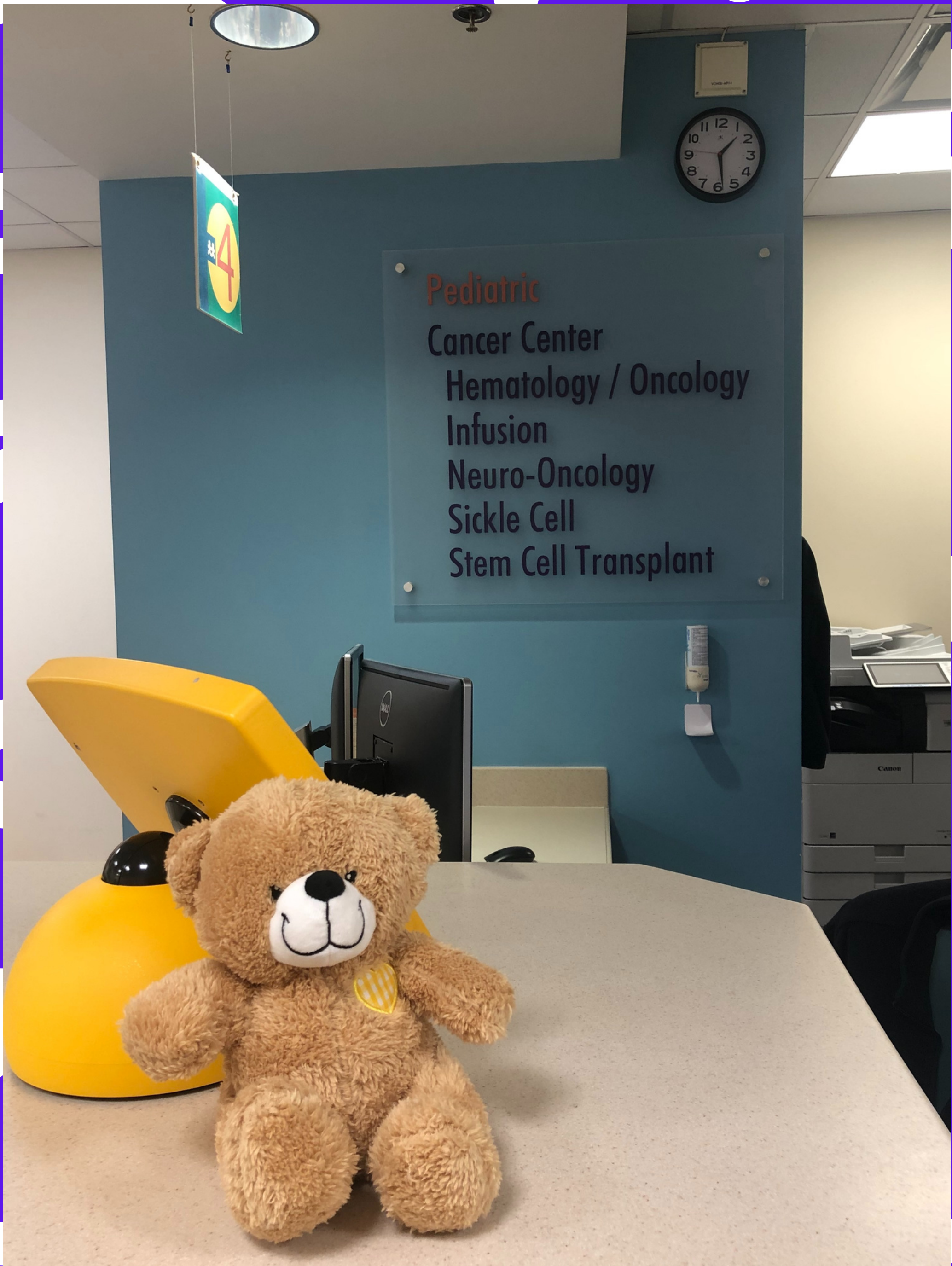


# Eddy the Teddy







Eddy the Teddy is a friend just like you! Eddy has Hemophilia. This means that his blood doesn't work like most people's blood. He comes to the clinic at Vanderbilt so that the doctors can check on his blood and make sure his body is strong and healthy.



When Eddy falls down or has a cut, it might take him longer to stop bleeding. He needs a special kind of medicine to keep those bleeds from happening as often.

That medicine is called Hemlibra.



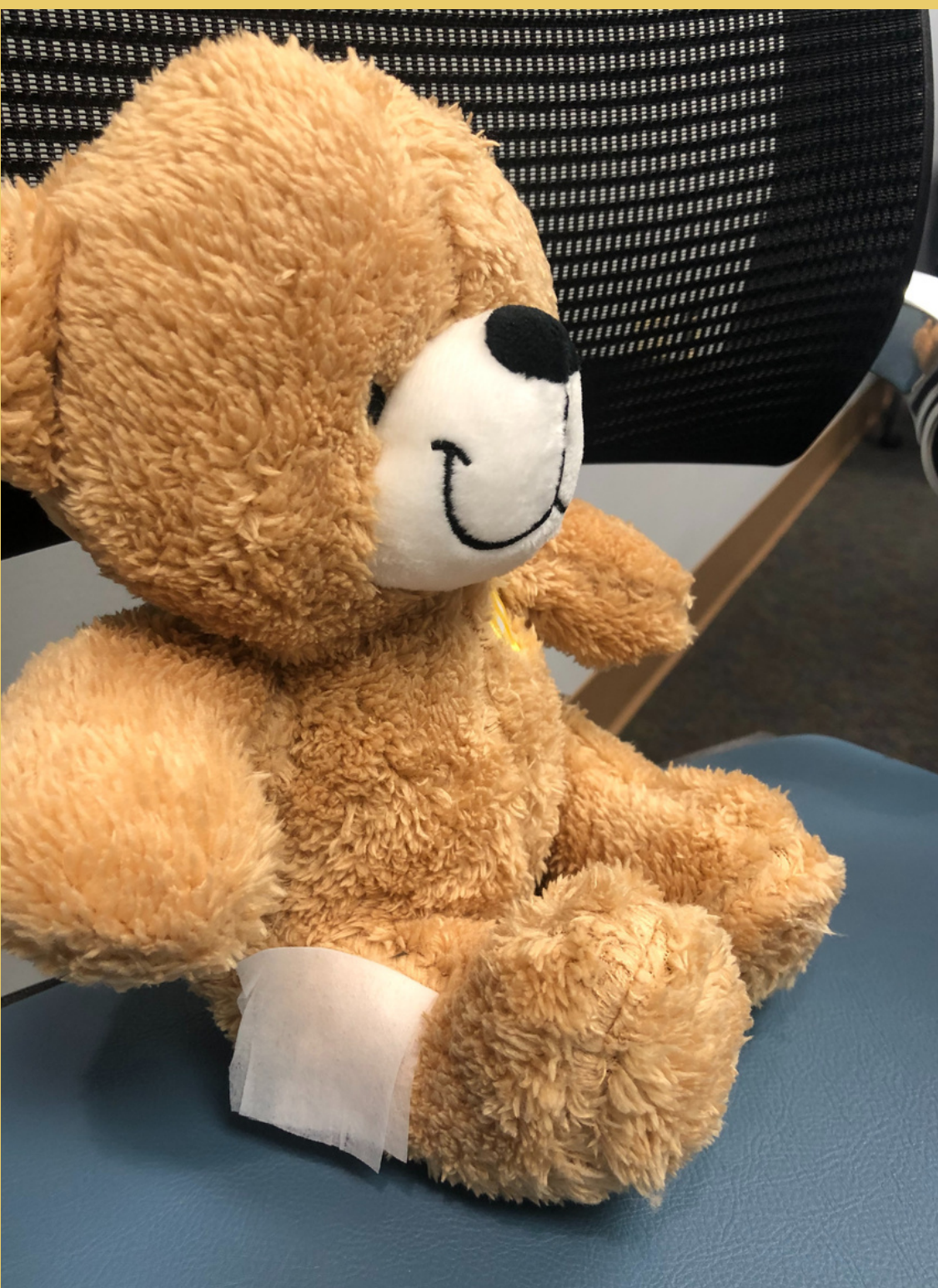


When it is time to get his medicine, Eddy likes to help get the supplies ready. First, Eddy gets the cleaning wipe ready. This wipe cleans the spot on his skin where he will get the medicine. Eddy says the wipe feels cold and wet.





Eddy gets this  
medicine through a  
tiny needle or poke in  
his arm, leg, or belly.







Eddy likes for his parents to count to 3 before giving the poke. Eddy's job is to hold his body as still as possible. It helps Eddy to take slow deep breaths to relax his body.



When it is time for the poke, Eddy's mom or dad will gently put the needle into Eddy's arm or leg. Eddy says that sometimes he feels tingling when the medicine goes into his body but it only lasts for about 20 seconds.







When Eddy is done, he likes to put ice on the spot where he got the medicine. Then, he picks out a bandaid and puts it on his arm or leg. That is the last step! Now, he is free to run and play!