

Goes on Vacation!

A Panda with Cystic Fibrosis

A Coloring Adventure



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Greetings everyone!

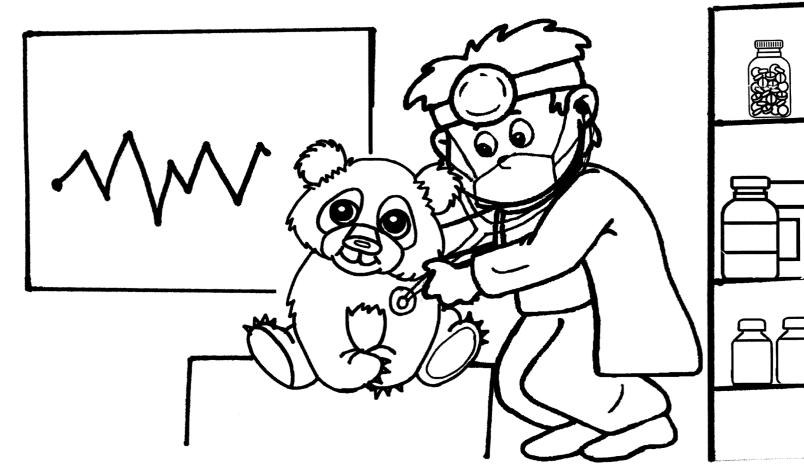
Remember our friend Huxi? She's a young Giant Panda from the forests of China and what makes her so special is that she has cystic fibrosis!

And she's going on VACATION!



This year, her mom and dad have decided to take everyone on a fun filled family vacation!

Huxi has to pack a few extra things when she travels because of her cystic fibrosis. She is so excited about the trip that she's been packing for weeks!



Huxi and her parents have done a lot to get ready for this trip. The first thing Huxi did was talk to her CF Care Team. They talked about the trip and what she needed to bring with her. They made sure she had all of the immunizations (shots) that were required. Also, they checked to see if she had enough medicine to last the entire trip – which she did! They even packed a few extra days of medications in case their trip lasted longer than they had planned. She won't need a refill until she gets home!

Don't forget	
Contact CF Care Team	Get all necessary immunizations
Refill medications (if needed)	

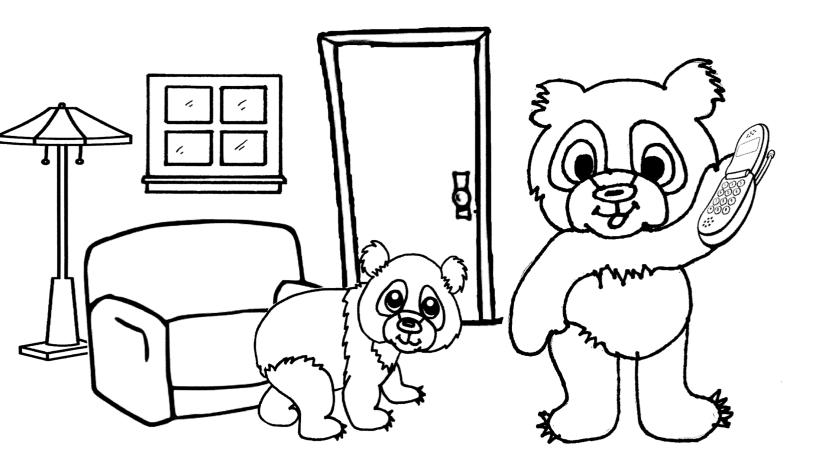


Next, Huxi's parents wrote down all of her doctor's information, along with the contact information for her CF clinic, an explanation of Cystic Fibrosis diagnosis and a list of her medications and devices. Once she had all of the information, the family put it somewhere safe to make sure it wouldn't get ruined while traveling.

Don't forget...

- Written explanation of CF
- List of medications
- Immunization (shot) records
- Contact information for the closest CF Center

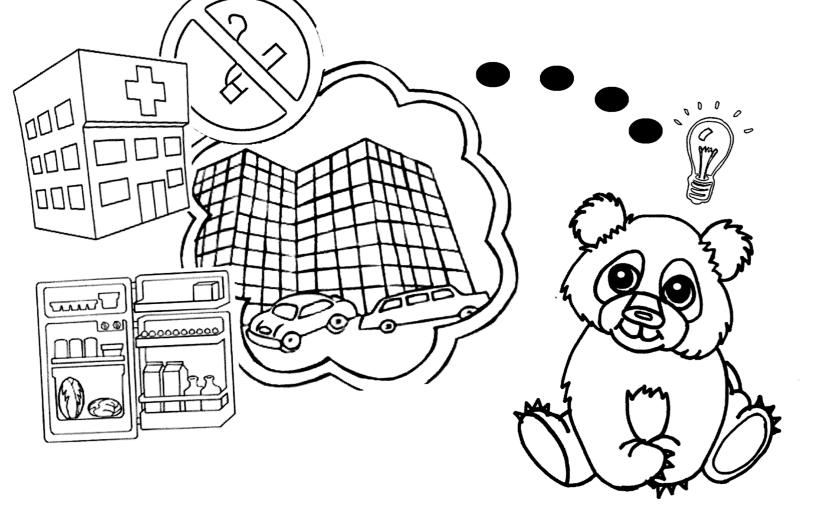
- Doctor's contact information
- List of devices
- ☐ Insurance Information
- Translate medical information into destination city's language (if applicable)



The third thing Huxi and her family did to prepare for the trip was check the airport's website and call the airline and airport. They checked to make sure they were allowed to bring all of Huxi's medications and devices on the airplane. Her vest takes up a lot of space, so she needed a lot of room in the overhead compartment.

Don't forget...

- Check website and call airline to make special arrangements
- Consider travel insurance and/or check with insurance company
- Call airport to discuss security procedures
- Make special arrangements with airport/airline if supplemented oxygen is needed



Next, her parents found the perfect hotel for the family! What makes a hotel perfect?

- 1. An air-conditioned, non-smoking building to make sure the air is clean and won't affect Huxi's breathing.
- 2. A mini-fridge to store refrigerated medications AND delicious beverages.
- 3. It is located near a hospital and / or a CF Center (just in case).

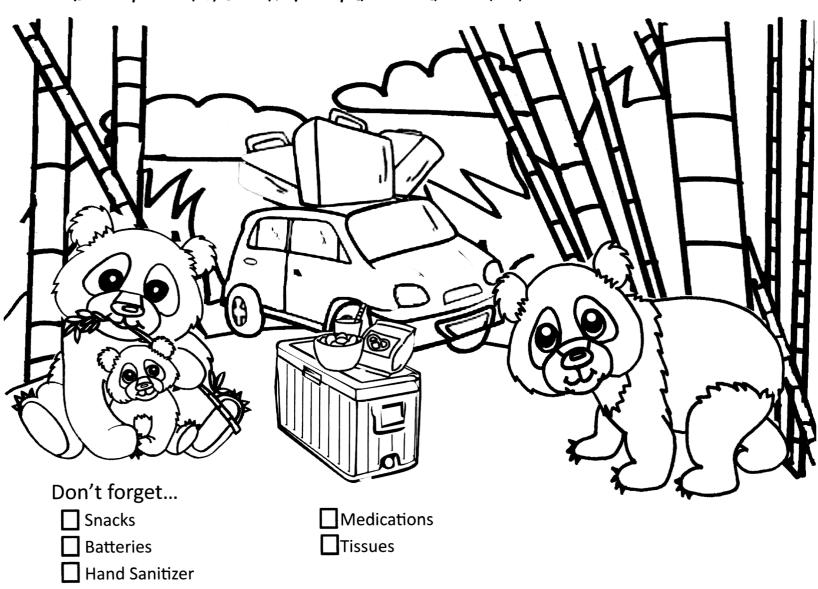


Huxi's family is traveling to a different country, which means they need to remember their passports!

Huxi also needs to remember to do her vest and nebulizer treatments, but different countries have different size wall plugs. Luckily, her parents remembered to buy a special plug, so her vest and nebulizer treatments do not have to be stopped or delayed.

Don't forget	
☐ Vest	Adapter plug
☐ Passports	☐ Compressor / nebulizers

Because the family lives deep in the forest, the car ride to the airport can take FOREVER! So her parents have to make sure they bring extra snacks, medications, batteries, tissues and hand sanitizer. Also, some of the medicine Huxi takes needs to be kept cold, so they've packed a cooler, too!





The security line at the airport is long and the wait is boring, but because her parents checked with the airline before their trip, they don't have to spend too much time getting checked in. Plus, Huxi brought her favorite new book to read, so she doesn't mind the wait. And because the airline knows about how special Huxi is ahead of time, she's allowed to bring her medicines and devices with her on the plane!

Don't forget...

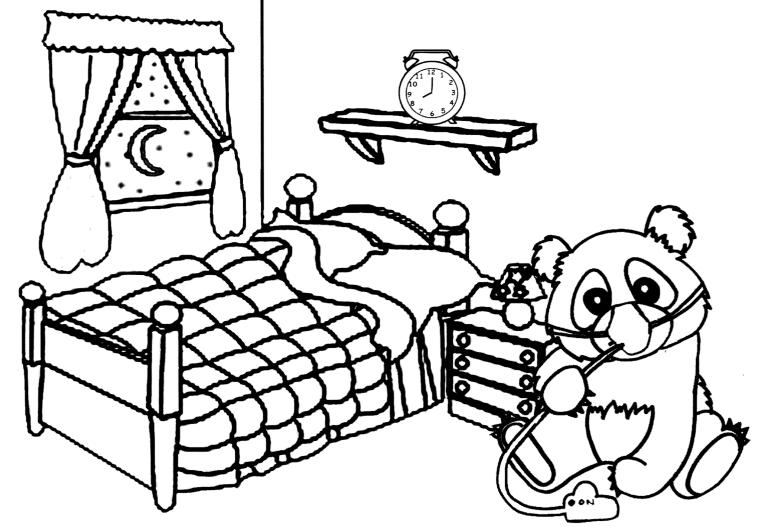
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☐ Get a doctor's note	Pack Devices
Pack cleaning supplies	☐ Contact the airlines



Huxi is traveling to a beach where it will be HOT! Her doctor reminded Huxi to eat food with lots of extra salt while she's on her vacation. She needs to make sure she drinks lots of liquids!

Also, some of Huxi's medicines make her super sensitive to the sun, so she makes sure she's reapplying her sunscreen often.

Don't forget	
Sunscreen	Salty Snacks
Extra bottles of water (or other liquids	
recommended by care center)	



When Huxi and her family arrive at their hotel, Huxi's mom reminds Huxi that it is treatment time. Even though they are on vacation, Huxi will keep to her usual treatment schedule. She wants to stay healthy so she can have as much fun as possible during the family's trip.

Don't forget...

☐ Stick to a schedule.

Huxi went on A LOT of adventures during her vacation! She went paddle boarding, surfing and even swam with dolphins! While keeping active, Huxi was exercising and didn't even know it! She was making her lungs strong and having fun all at the same time!



Because Huxi and her family planned the vacation so well and made all the important preparations, Huxi was healthy throughout the entire trip. When she went in for her next doctor's visit, the only thing she had to report was the great time she had!

The Travelers' Health page on the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** website has a wealth of travelers' health information to help you plan your trip. Get current, reliable information about vaccines, medications and other measures for you and your CF care team to consider before you depart. http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/

Your Travel Checklist:

∐Contact CF Care Team	
Refill medications (if needed)	
Get all necessary immunizations	
☐ Written explanation of Cystic Fibrosis	
List of medications and devices	
☐ Immunization (shot) records	
Doctor's contact information	
☐ Insurance information	
Laminate all important information	4
Pack your vest	V
Pack your compressor	
Pack your cleaning supplies	
Pack your nebulizer cups	
Remember your passports (if necessary)	
Adapter plug	
☐ Snacks	
Extra batteries	
Hand sanitizer	
∐ Sunscreen	
Salty Snacks	
Pack medications	
Pack devices	
Buy extra bottles of water when you get to destination	
Tissues	
Consider travel insurance	
Stick to an itinerary	
Stay active	
☐ Call the airport and your airline to make special arrangen	nents



TSA Requirements: www.tsa.gov/traveler-information
Passenger Support Specialist (TSA Cares Hotline): (855) 787-2227

☐ Translate medical information into destination city's predominant language

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