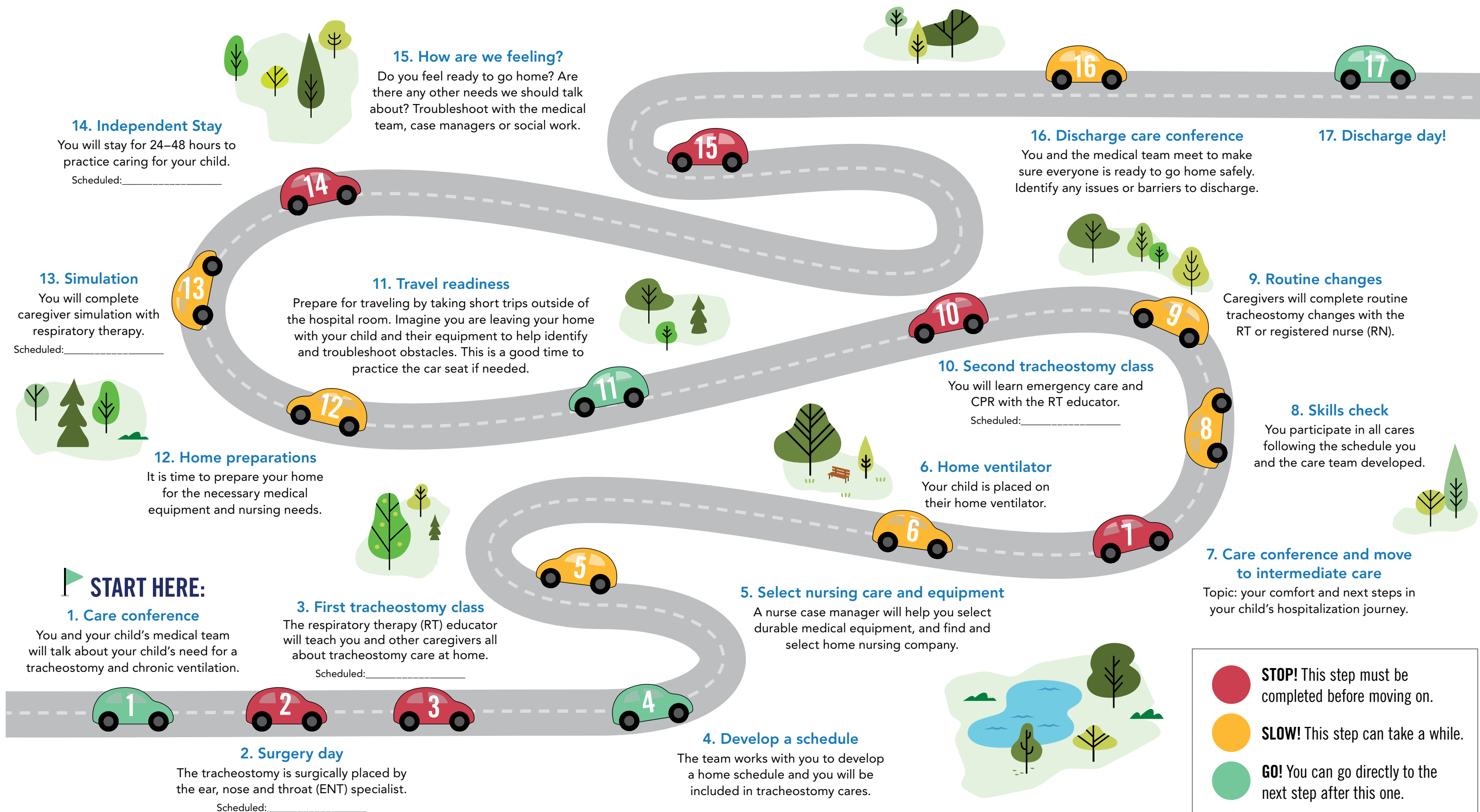


OUR TRACHEOSTOMY JOURNEY



WORDS TO KNOW

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR): An emergency lifesaving procedure that is used when someone stops breathing or their heart stops beating.

Care conference: A meeting between a child's entire hospital care team and their family members or caregivers.

Caregiver simulation: Training that uses real life scenarios to practice a caregiver's knowledge and skills.

Case manager: A registered nurse (RN) who helps families coordinate out of hospital products and care needs.

Discharge: The moment a child is allowed to leave the hospital and return home.

Durable Medical Equipment (DME): Medical supplies and equipment a child needs to receive their individual medical care outside of the hospital.

Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT): A specialist that focuses only on a child's ears, nose and throat.

Intermediate care: A certain level of care a child receives; less intense than critical care but more involved than basic hospital care.

Respiratory therapist (RT): A trained medical professional who specializes in a child's breathing, nebulization medications and respiratory care inside and outside of the hospital.

Tracheostomy: A surgical opening of a child's breathing tube (trachea).

Ventilator: A machine that is used to help a child breathe easily when they otherwise need help breathing.

