

INPATIENT SURGERY POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Parents: Either you or a responsible relative will need to take the child home and stay with them. Make sure your child takes their post operative medications as directed (antibiotics/pain medications), if any were ordered. Contact your child's surgeon if they develop any of the following: excessive bleeding, drainage, redness (from the wound), vomiting, temperature above 101 degrees, the pain medications are not controlling the pain, or if your child has worsening pain, especially with deep breaths or if they have sustained any injury to the chest.

Your surgeon's office telephone # is (909) 558-7787.
The hospital operator's # is (909) 558-4000; ask for the Pediatric Surgery Resident on call.

Pectus Carinatum Repair

Bathing: Wound closure with Derma Bond: May bathe the day after surgery.
Wound closure with clear dressing/steri-strips: Do not immerse the incision site in water for 3 days.
Clean the site daily with soap and water.
No swimming until the child is seen in clinic.

Activity: Your child should take it easy until they are seen in the clinic.
Students are typically out of school for 2-3 weeks.

Clinic visit: Please call (909) 558-7787 to make a post-op visit for your child with their surgeon. The post-op appointment can be anywhere from 1-2 weeks after the date of discharge from the hospital.

Dr. Baerg: Clinic is Tuesday morning
Dr. Tagge: Clinic is Tuesday afternoon
Dr. Gollin: Clinic is Thursday afternoon
Dr. Moores: Clinic is Thursday afternoon