

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 excessive bleeding, pain, vomiting or a temperature above 101 degrees.

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.

Non-Operative Appendectomy

Wound/drain care: Keep the area clean and dry. If there is a gauze dressing, be sure to change it daily or more often if it becomes wet. Please keep a log of the amount of drainage. Bring this to the clinic appointment.

Bathing: Do not immerse the area with the drain in water. Clean daily with soap and water.
If there is no drain or wound, bathe as usual.

Activity: Limited activity due to the presence of the drain. Your child may not attend school or day care with a drain. Off schools notes covering your child's absence from school for the time they were hospitalized (under our care) and including the time up to when your child is seen in clinic (1-2 weeks from discharge) will be provided prior to discharge from the hospital.

If there is no drain, your child may return to school within 3-5 days after discharge.
There are no activity restrictions.

Diet: Regular diet/formula

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