

Dermoid Cysts

After the Operation

Going home

Children who have had a dermoid cyst removed are usually able to go home the same day. We will arrange for a district nurse to visit your child at home the following day.

The wound

Your child will have a small wound with stitches. These may need to be removed and your ward nurse will advise you about this.

Pain

Some discomfort may be experienced after surgery. Paracetamol can be given regularly, following the instructions on the bottle.

Bathing and hair care

Baths and showers can be taken as normal.

If the cyst has been removed from your child's head, you can start washing their hair gently with a mild shampoo the day after the operation.

Questions and problems

If you have any problems in the first few days at home, please contact us at the ward or discuss them with the district nurse.

Your GP will be informed about your child's operation directly by letter.

We hope this leaflet has been useful. If you have any further questions, please ask a member of staff before you leave.

Your consultant surgeon is _____

A follow-up appointment has/has not been arranged on

_____ at _____

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