



What happens next

There is a lot of information to review and report from a SEEG which may require discussion with the national multi-disciplinary team, so follow-up may be several weeks or months later. The epilepsy surgery team will arrange to see you and your child the next time they are at a hospital close to your family's home.

Other times to get in touch

If there is anything that feels out with your comfort or control, do not worry alone. Please speak with us.

Who to contact for non-urgent messages

If you have non-urgent messages or would like to update/chat things through, please -

Phone or text the epilepsy surgery nurse specialist

Ph: 0131 312 0608

Ph: 07976 582 367

Who to contact for non-urgent seizure concerns

Phone your local epilepsy nurse specialist or neurology team

Who to contact for anything urgent

Attend your closest A&E

Phone Borthwick Ward (24 hour advice) **Ph:** 0131 312 1333

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Seizures

Seizures can reduce or increase following SEEG. This is likely to settle back into the usual pattern of seizures within a few days. If your child's medication was reduced during the monitoring period, you may find your child has bigger or longer seizures for a few days.

If bigger or longer seizures do not settle after a few days since going home, please -

Phone your local epilepsy nurse specialist or neurology team

If your child has a prolonged focal seizure, please -

Phone Borthwick Ward **Ph:** 0131 312 1333

Phone your local epilepsy nurse specialist

Attend your closest A&E

Medication

Pain relief is usually not needed once home, but if your child has headaches or pain from their surgery sites, Paracetamol and Ibuprofen can be given as needed.

Emotions and behaviour

Your child has been through a time in the hospital where their control over the situation was extremely limited. They may need time to reflect on all that has happened. Give your child opportunity to do this but help them to not dwell on this and try to encourage them to focus on the positives.

Wound care

A wound infection can occur up to two weeks after surgery or longer if the wound is re-opened by picking or scratching the scab. Picking the scab too early also disrupts the granulation process of healing and can lead to more noticeable scarring.

The surgical site on your child's head is usually closed with sutures that will dissolve naturally over time.

Around 2-3 days after surgery, the wound can be lightly washed with a light showering of water and patted dry.

Around 5 days after surgery, the wound can be washed lightly with neutral/baby shampoo with minimal scrubbing, light showering and dry patting.

Wound infection is rare, but if you notice **leakage** from the wound of any colour, any redness, heat or increased swelling to area surrounding any surgical sites, or if your child is experiencing any headaches, ongoing temperature, vomiting or increased lethargy, please -

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Activities

A restful weekend is usually enough time to rest. Children generally go back to school on Monday.