

Day Surgery Unit / Childrens Services

Squint Surgery

What is a squint?

A squint occurs when one eye is not looking at the same thing as the other eye. An eye can drift in any direction, but most commonly turns in or out.

The operation

During squint correction the muscles around the eye are repositioned under a general anaesthetic, which helps to straighten the eye.

Post Operation

- The eye will be mildly sore after the operation for a few days. The redness will last for two to four weeks, but will get better each day.
- Covering the eye is not necessary.
- Your child's tears will appear a little blood stained for a few days .This is normal.
- The stitches used in squint surgery are dissolving, so will not require removing.
- You will need to use eye drops or ointment three times a day for the next week.
- If your child wears glasses, continue to wear them after the operation unless told otherwise by your consultant.
- Your child's eye may be a little sticky after the operation, and the lids may be stuck together with mucus after sleep.
- This can be cleaned by using Cooled Boiled water and a clean face cloth.
- If the stickiness and redness does not improve each day or gets worse contact your General practitioner.

Pain

Please follow the nurse's instructions regarding pain relief.

Follow up care

Your child should have up to a week off school and should avoid swimming or sports for four to six weeks.

You will be sent an appointment to see the Orthoptist and consultant in a few weeks.

If you have any problems or concerns, please contact one of the following:

- Your General Practitioner
- Your consultants on call registrar 01223 245151
- Day surgery unit on 01223 346330 (0800 -2000)

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Italian

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Cantonese

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(ओडीओ फ़ॉर्मेट)मां जेठती छोय तो कृपा करीने पूछो.

Gujarati

تکایہ پرسیار بگہ نہ گہر نہ وزانیاریہت دہوی بہ زمانیکی تر . بہ پیتی گہورہ یانیش بہ شیوہی دہنگ

Kurdish

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