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### Cantonese

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### Gujarati

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### Italian

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### Kurdish

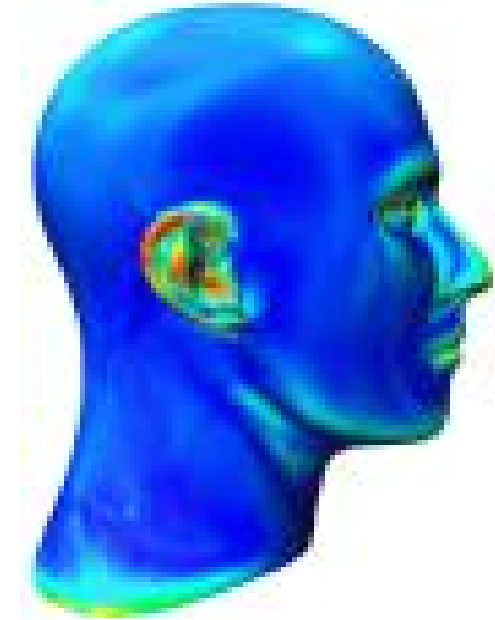
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### Urdu

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## Neurosciences Department



## Cranioplasty following traumatic brain injury

**What does cranioplasty mean?**

As part of the treatment for your head injury, part of your skull was removed. To protect your brain, a titanium or acrylic plate will be attached to your skull.

**Will I need an operation to put the plate in?**

Yes. You will be admitted to hospital and have the operation under a general anaesthetic.

**When can I have the operation?**

You will be seen by the neurosurgical team in the outpatient clinic to find out how you are. If you are well enough and feel you would like us to do this operation, we will put your name on the waiting list. It usually takes about six months from this date to the day of your operation.

**Can I have the operation sooner?**

It may be possible, but it is usually safer to wait for six months to allow your brain injury and body to recover before having another operation.

**Do I have to have a cranioplasty?**

Dependant on the size of the skull section removed, it may not be necessary to replace it. Talk it over with the doctor in the out patient clinic and they will help you decide the best treatment for you as an individual.

**How do you know what size I need?**

There are two ways to do this, the first uses the original piece of skull to act as a template. The second way is to have a scan of your skull from which detailed measurements are taken to produce an accurate fit.

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**Who makes the plate?**

The maxillo-facial team, Mr Adlam and Mr Novak (based in the dental clinic) are very skilled in making very accurate plates. They will contact you directly if they need to take any more measurements.

**How long will I have to stay in hospital?**

Two to three days

**Will I need to have any stitches out?**

You will have clips on your scalp that look like staples. These will need to stay in for approximately seven days and your practice nurse will be able to remove them at your GP's surgery.

**Will the neurosurgical team see me to make sure I'm Ok after I've gone home?**

Yes, you will be sent an appointment through the post to see the team in the out patient clinic in about three months time.

**Will this 'plate' stay on for the rest of my life?**

Yes, the plate is permanent and should not interfere with your every day life.

**Is there anything I can't do with it?**

The plate itself will not prevent you from doing anything, but you may be restricted by your original head injury.

**Who can I ring if I'm worried?**

- You can contact your GP
  - Mr Hutchinson's secretary on 01223 216780.
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