



Information for You from Your Health Care Team

After Your Child's Perianal Abscess Surgery

A perianal abscess is a collection of pus outside the anal opening. It can appear swollen, red, tender and painful. Your child may be irritable when having a bowel movement or may hold bowel movements. It may appear like a pimple forming. Incision and drainage of the abscess drains the pus to relieve the pressure the patient feels.

What about my child's activities? No swimming for 5 days

When should my child take a bath?

Warm baths soak the area and may increase drainage comforting the patient.

How should I take care of the incision?

- The abscess is left open to drain and may be covered by gauze.
- If your child is in diapers change them as soon as they become wet.
- The abscess may close by itself within a few days

What medicine should I give my child for pain?

- Motrin® may be used the day after surgery for pain relief

Younger than 12 months:

- Tylenol® may be given to your child every 4 hours for the discomfort.

12 months and older:

- Tylenol with Codeine every 4 hours as needed for discomfort.

Do not give the child any narcotic medicines containing Tylenol at the same time as regular Tylenol such as Lortab and Vicodin

What should my child eat? Regular diet.

Follow up:

- Your child should be seen in the office in 7-14 days after surgery.

An appointment should have been made for you and is noted on the papers you received from our office. If it has not been made please call 315-464-2878 during office hours for an appointment.

When should I call the doctor?

- Temperature greater than 101°
- Extreme irritability not controlled with pain medication
- Vomiting
- Inability to have a bowel movement

Speak Up if You Have Questions or Concerns