



Care after **Craniofacial surgery**

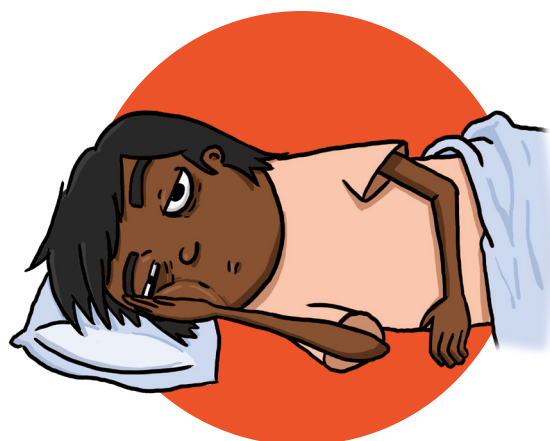
It is **important to go to the follow-up appointment**; this will be made before you go home. If you have not got the follow-up appointment or need to change your appointment, please call PCH on 6456 2222 and ask for Outpatients.

- Bub needs at least 2-3 weeks of healing after the surgery and 4-6 weeks for the swelling to go down.
- They will need to do quiet activities at home until their follow-up appointment.

Watch bub for:



Vomiting

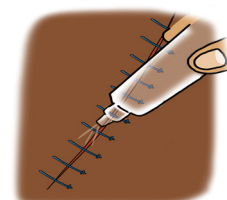


Sleepiness

If you are worried or concerned see your GP, health clinic, or go to the emergency department.

Wound care

The nurses will show you how to look after bub's stitches before you leave the hospital. You will need to clean the stitches with saline at least 3 times a day and as necessary to prevent drying and crusts.



Good to know

You will be able to gently wash bub's hair.

Eye care

Gently clean bub's eyes with cotton balls and cooled boiled water 3 - 4 times a day until their eyes are completely open.

Pain relief - if bub has pain, give them:

Paracetamol (Panadol)

Given at:

Next dose at:



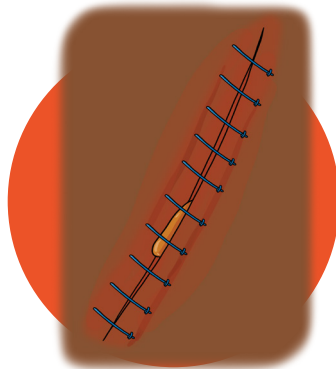
No more than 4 times in 1 day

See packet instructions

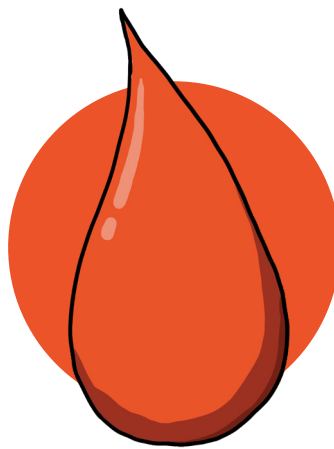
Watch out for signs of infection



Temperature over
38°C



More swelling and
redness around their
stitches



Bleeding and ooze
from their stitches



Smell coming from
their stitches

If they have the above or you are worried or concerned see your GP, health clinic, or go to the emergency department.



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