

Surgery Center of Pinehurst

Home Instructions following Tear Duct Surgery

DIET RESTRICTIONS

- Nausea may occasionally occur and last 24-48 hours
- Appetite usually back to normal by the evening of the day of surgery.

APPEARANCE OF THE EYES

- Eyes may have bloody discharge/matting of lashes lasting 1-2 days following surgery. The eyes may stick together in the morning; wipe them with a damp cloth.
- If your child develops a bloody nose; pinch the nose with the child sitting up for 5-10 minutes until the bleeding stops. For a severe bloody nose, you can use Afrin nasal spray (over the counter at the drug store) according to the directions in the box.

IF A TUBE WAS PLACED

- Try to keep the child from rubbing the inside corner of the eye. Some will accidentally pull the tube (if one was placed) out early- if that happens, do not panic, as it will not harm the child. If the tube is part-way out, tape it to the cheek and call Dr. Bartiss' office (910-692-2020) for an appointment to pull it out. If the tube comes out completely by itself, bring it with you to the next appointment. If the tube appears to be irritating the eye, call Dr. Bartiss' office.
- The tear duct tube is placed in the inside corner of the eyelid. Sometimes you will be able to see it, and sometimes it will fall out on its own.
- The tube does not drain the tears, it is keeping the opening to the tear duct open inside the nose. Therefore there may be tearing and crusting while the tube is in place.
- Any bruising after the surgery will fade after two weeks
- Try to keep the child from rubbing their eyes.

FOLLOW UP CARE

- Your child will have an appointment scheduled for 1-2 weeks after surgery to be seen in the office. The tube will be removed in 6 months.

ACTIVITIES

- Each person is different regarding recovery time.
- It's OK to fly anytime after surgery, and OK to resume all activities after the surgery.

POST OPERATIVE MEDICATIONS

- Antibiotic eye drop: 3 times per day for 7 days
- Tylenol or Motrin for pain
- Afrin nasal spray according to directions on the box **if needed** for 1-3 days

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DANGER SIGNS

- The most critical time for infections and problems to occur is during the first week following surgery. This should not occur if the antibiotic drops are taken as prescribed.
- **Call our office (910-692-2020) if you have questions or concerns**

Dr. Bartiss