



Appendectomy

Day surgery unit and
the Ward 10
(Children's Ward)



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An appendectomy is usually a straightforward procedure with few complications.

Your child is not routinely seen in outpatients following discharge. However, should there be problems, please contact your GP.

Once your child leaves hospital

Your child will still have a dressing over the wound.

Check the wound - a small amount of clear bloodstained fluid, oozing from the wound, is not unusual. However, if the wound looks red, please contact your GP.

Once you are home, give regular paracetamol (eg. Calpol) as directed on the bottle. Do this for the first 24 hours and as required thereafter.

The stitches usually dissolve in seven to ten days but may take longer.

Your child may have a shower two to three days after the operation or a bath after seven days. It is important not to let the skin get soggy.

If the dressings have not fallen off after a week, they can be taken off.

Your child should be able to return to school after a week or once they can walk normally and feel comfortable.

He should not ride a bike or take part in school games such as PE for a month.

An outpatient appointment will be given to you, either on discharge or sent to you in the post.

If you have any questions or require further information or advice, please contact:

**Day surgery unit
(8am to 7pm)**
01935 384 339

Ward 10 (paediatric ward)
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