Excision of Nevus - Pediatric

Before Surgery

- Explain to your child briefly about surgery and going to the hospital.
- Plan to take off work for a couple of days to be with your child.

After Surgery

- Your child may shower. No tub baths. The nurse will tell you how to care for the incision site before you leave.
- Dress your child in loose clothing, and avoid pulling clothing over the incision site.
- No gym class or recess until sutures are removed.
- Check the incision daily for signs and symptoms of infection: increased redness or swelling, red or hot incision, foul smelling drainage, or fever over 100°F (under arm), over 101°F (by mouth or in ear) or 102°F (rectal).
- Plan to visit your doctor in about 1 week.

Call Your Doctor

- Fever over 100°F for 2 readings taken 4 hours apart over 100°F (under arm), over 101°F (by mouth or in ear) or 100.3°F (rectal)
- Excess swelling
- Increased redness at incision site
- Bleeding or pus from incision
- Increase in pain

Phone Numbers

AFCH Pediatric Specialty Clinic, weekdays 8:00 am to 5:00 pm: (608) 263-6420 option 3

After hours and weekends, the clinic number will give you the hospital paging operator. Ask for plastic surgery resident on-call. Leave your name and phone number with the area code. The doctor will call you back.

Toll-free Hospital Number: (800) 323-8942.

Your health care team may have given you this information as part of your care. If so, please use it and call if you have any questions. If this information was not given to you as part of your care, please check with your doctor. This is not medical advice. This is not to be used for diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Because each person’s health needs are different, you should talk with your doctor or others on your health care team when using this information. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Copyright © 12/2014 University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. All rights reserved. Produced by the Department of Nursing. HF#4797.