

Care of Your Child After Ureteral Reimplant



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Ureters are the tubes that carry urine from the kidneys to the bladder. Normally, the ureter connects to the bladder so that urine enters the bladder but does not back up to the kidney. Your child has a connection of the ureters to the kidney that is abnormal, causing this back up of urine. When urine backs up in the kidney it is called "vesicoureteral reflux". Ureteral Implant Surgery corrects this.

What to expect

- It is normal to have some blood in the urine after surgery. Sometimes children have episodes of bloody urine 1-2 weeks after surgery. This is because a small scab fell off near the surgery site. This blood in the urine will go away in a few days.
- Your child may have a white glue material on their incision after surgery. This will slowly peel off on its own.
- It is important for your child to drink lots of fluids after surgery so please encourage them to do this. For the first few days after surgery, your child might not be very hungry and will not eat as much as they usually do. This is normal.
- Your child may have bladder spasms which will feel like muscle cramps below the belly button area. These last for a few minutes at a time. Your doctor will prescribe medications to help control this.
- It is normal to have some discomfort, especially where the incisions are. Your doctor will prescribe medications to help control this.

Activity

No rough play or contact sports for a few weeks after surgery. Your discharge instructions will say when your child can resume normal activities.

Bathing

Your child may have a brief shower or a sponge bath for the first 7 days after surgery. You may resume normal bathing after this time.

Pain/Medications

At the time of discharge, your child will be given prescriptions for pain medicine, bladder spasms, and constipation. Your doctor may also prescribe an antibiotic. Please give all medications as ordered by your doctor.

More constant pain is usually because of the surgery incision and not due to bladder spasms.

The medicine for bladder spasms does not help with the incision pain.

The medicine for pain and bladder spasms causes constipation. Be sure to give your child the medicine to help with constipation as ordered by your doctor.

Make this call the first week

Your child will need to see the doctor about 4-6 weeks after surgery. The Urology office will call you to schedule this appointment. If you do not receive a call, please contact us at 323-361-2247.

When to Call the Doctor

- For fever over 101.5 F
- If your child is unable to drink fluids or has nausea/vomiting
- If your child cannot urinate
- If you have any questions or concerns
- If your child has redness, increased swelling or drainage from the incision

Office Hours

Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
call 323-361-7559

Weekends or evenings, call 323-660-2450 and
ask for the urology resident on call.

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