

Patient information

Care of your child with a wound following orthopaedic surgery

Your child has had an orthopaedic procedure and will be able to go home when you are happy and your child is comfortable enough to mobilise as directed by the consultant.

This is likely to be

- Today
- Tomorrow after the ward round
- To be decided

Your child will be discharged by:

- The ward nurses
- A member of the orthopaedic medical team who will be able to discuss the operation with you.

Your child will be:

- Up on crutches non-weight bearing
- Up on crutches toe touching / partial weight bearing
- Fully weight bearing

As explained by the physiotherapist

We will only change the dressing before discharge if it is very soiled, which can make it stiff and uncomfortable.

The wound will be redressed at a time decided by the surgeon. If there are any problems with the dressing before that time, please contact the ward on 01284 714022.

After removing the dressing your child should continue to shower for two to three days before bathing.

10 – 14 days after surgery the wound will be checked and

- Stitch ends trimmed
- Sutures removed

This will be done

- At an out patient appointment at the hospital
- By the practice nurse at your surgery. Phone in good time to arrange this.

Orthopaedic Outpatient appointment on

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- Not necessary

Further information

Please remember you can contact the ward on 01284 713315 at anytime

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