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Tonsillectomy

Postoperative instructions (children) – St George Private Hospital

Please read the following patient care instructions upon your child's discharge from hospital.

1. It is important your child continues to swallow and, if necessary, the child should be strenuously encouraged to do so. This will decrease the chance of infection and reduce the likelihood of bleeding.
2. Regular Panadol/Dymadon elixir every four hours for the first one to two days (at least) will be necessary to keep the child's throat discomfort under control.
3. Soft, cool foods such as ice-cream, jelly and yoghurt will be more easily swallowed. Swallowing fluids regularly is essential. Hot and acidic foods such as tomatoes, citrus fruits or juices should be avoided.
4. For the first seven to ten days your child will, unfortunately, not feel 100% well. It takes this long for the tonsillar bed to heal. **Throat pain and ear pain are normal** and are to be expected.
5. It is normal for the throat to have a white membrane during the healing period.
6. Your child should, whenever possible, avoid the company of other children for a period of two weeks. This will decrease the chance of throat infections.
7. If you have any bleeding, Dr Farrell can be contacted through the switchboard of the St George Hospital on 9113 1111. If Dr Farrell cannot be contacted, the patient should be taken to the Casualty Department of the St George Hospital for assessment by the ENT Registrar.
8. Postoperative appointments to see Dr Farrell are usually made for two weeks following the surgery. It is important you attend this appointment for review.

Your postoperative appointment with Dr Farrell is booked for: _____