



Incision and Drainage of an Abscess

Patient information Leaflet

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Your child has had Incision & Drainage of an Abscess

Your child may have a pack inside the wound, please leave this in place as the Children's Community Nursing Team will remove or change it as instructed by the Doctor.

On occasions you may be asked to return to the ward for the first dressing change. Your nurse on the ward will inform you of this prior to discharge.

The Children's Community Nursing Team will contact you at home to arrange an appointment and discuss the options available regarding the dressing changes to your child's wound site.

Please ensure your child keeps their dressing clean and dry, as this will help the wound to heal and reduce the risk of infection.

Your child may experience pain or discomfort, give Paracetamol and/or Ibuprofen. Follow the instructions on the bottles/packets and do not exceed the stated doses.

If your child's pack falls out please contact the Children's Community Nursing Team (08:00 – 20:00 hrs) on 0161 922 525 or the Children's Ward (20:00 – 08:00hrs) on 0161 922 5252 for advice.

Your child may be prescribed antibiotics, please ensure they complete the course as instructed.

Keep your child off school/nursery until the wound has healed.

- Your child may have a bath, preferably prior to a dressing change, as the pack can be removed in the bath, causing less discomfort for your child. The Children's Community Nursing Team will advise you on this.
- Your child should rest for a few days after discharge and gradually increase to their normal activities.

If you have any questions you want to ask, you can use this space below to remind you

Useful Contact Numbers:

- Contact your GP for advice.
- Children's Community Nurses 0161 922 5251 (8am – 8pm)
- Children's Unit 0161 922 5252 (24 hrs)
- NHS Direct 111 (24hr helpline)

Useful Websites/information:

- Department of Health (www.dh.gov.uk)
- NHS Choices (www.nhs.uk/conditions)

- NHS institute for innovation and improvement (www.institute.nhs.uk)
- NHS Improvement (www.improvement.nhs.uk)

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If you have a visual impairment this leaflet can be made available in bigger print or on audiotape. If you require either of these options please contact the Patient Information Centre on 0161 922 5332

If you require an interpreter, please ask an appropriate person to contact our central booking office between Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm on 0161 922 6991 to arrange this for you.

語言 翻譯及病者支持服務 (LIPS):

如果閣下需要翻譯員在您的預約當日幫助您的話 請找一名合適的家庭成員 0161 922 6991 聯絡本中央預約辦事處來您您安排 我們的辦公時間是星期一至星期五 上午 8 時至下午 5 時

Językowo Tłumaczeniowa Usługa Pomocy dla Pacjenta (Language, Interpretation and Patient Support Service LIPS):

Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy tłumacza w trakcie swojej wizyty, proszę poprosić odpowiedniego członka rodziny o skontaktowanie się z Centralnym Biurem Zamówień (Central Booking Office), w celu zorganizowania tłumacza pomiędzy poniedziałkiem a piątkiem w godzinach od 08:00 - 17:00 pod numerem 0161 922 6991.

لینگویج، انٹرپرائٹیشن اینڈ پیسینٹ سپورٹ سروس (Lips)

اگر آپ کو اپنی اپائنٹمنٹ کے لئے مترجم کی مدد کی ضرورت ہو تو براہ مہربانی اپنے خاندان کے کسی موزوں فرد سے کہیں کہ وہ ہمارے سنٹرل بنگ آفس سے پیر سے جمعہ 8.00 بجے صبح سے 5.00 بجے شام کے دوران 0161 922 6991 پر فون کر کے اس کا بندوبست کریں۔

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