

Patient information

Removal of eye lid cysts in children

The removal of an eye lid cyst in a child involves a general anaesthetic and depending on type, size and position, will dictate how long the operation takes.

What happens next?

Your child has been given a date surgery to remove a cyst.

Before that date they will be seen again for a pre-assessment. During that appointment they will see the doctor again, and a paediatric nurse who will assess their general health before undergoing a general anaesthetic, and to tell you what will happen on the day.

The operation is normally carried out on a Monday morning. An anaesthetist with paediatric experience will see you and your child on the day of surgery.

Operation

One parent accompanies the child to theatre and stays with them until they are asleep.

After the operation your child will be in the recovery area for a short time before returning to you on the ward. The eye that was operated on may be covered by a pad this is to reduce any swelling or bruising. Generally the pad will be removed before the child goes home.

We have to keep your child for a minimum of 2 hours after surgery. They can go home when everyone is happy.

Post-operative care

Any discomfort the child may have, can be relieved by giving their usual pain relief medicine.

Ointment or drops may be prescribed to put into your child's eye for a few days after surgery. It is normal for there to be some swelling and bruising. If it is necessary you will be given a follow-up appointment.

School age children can return to school after 48 hours or when the parents see fit.

If you have any questions or queries, please ask before surgery.

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