Contact Us

A nurse from the Day ward will contact you the day after your son’s operation. You can also contact us;

If your son’s wound oozes or leaks yellow / green fluid please contact the Day Ward or your GP.

OR

If you are worried about your son or have any questions please ring us.

Day Ward

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7.30am-6.30pm

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01 878 4839

Outside these hours, please contact the Emergency Department

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What is a Hydrocele?

A hydrocele is a painless swelling of the scrotum caused by a collection of fluid around the testicle.

At Home

At home, your son may be more comfortable wearing loose clothes such as a tracksuit for a few days.

Wound

Your son may have stitches in his groin/scrotum which will dissolve or melt away after 6 weeks.

After the operation, it is normal for the groin/scrotum to be swollen. If the operation site becomes very red or swollen please contact your GP.

Washing

Please keep your son’s wound dry for 5 days after his operation. Your child should not bath or shower during this time.

Dressing

Your son’s dressing should be removed after 5 days. If it comes off before this, replace it with a waterproof dressing available from your pharmacy.

Any steristrips (paper stitches) should be left in place until they fall off.

Pain

Your son may feel some pain when he is at home. The Day Ward nurse will give you some advice on pain relief.

School

Your son can return to school when he can wear his usual clothes comfortably and can walk normally.

Your child should not take part in sports activities, PE or cycling until he has been seen in the outpatient’s department which is usually 6 weeks after his operation.