

Nephrectomy: Pre-Operative Information

Your child will soon be coming to the hospital for a nephrectomy. This procedure will remove all or part of a kidney that is not functioning well. This information will help prepare you and your child for the procedure.

The procedure will take about 1 - 1½ hours. After surgery, your child will go to the recovery room until stable. During this time you will be asked to wait in the family waiting room. When your child is fully awake you will be notified and together you will be brought to one of the patient care areas.

An IV will be in place for fluids and antibiotics. A catheter will be in the bladder for one day. Adequate pain medication will be provided for your child. A dressing will be over the incision site.

When you are at home make sure your child receives the medicine prescribed by your doctor until you are told it is all right to stop. Encourage your child to drink plenty of fluids, get extra rest, and avoid rough play or contact sports for two weeks post operatively. Your child may bathe as usual.

Please contact us at 612-813-8000 or 1-800-992-6983 if you notice any redness or drainage from the incision, fever, or excess pain, or if you have questions.

