

# Your Child's Orchiopexy: Returning Home

After your baby's orchiopexy, talk to your doctor about how to feed him and what to expect.

Your child may feel tired for a few days.

And for at least 2 weeks after surgery, keep your child from playing rough or using straddle toys like tricycles or jumper chairs.

Your child may have pain, swelling, or bruising in the area, so be careful during diaper changes.

Your care team will tell you how to take care of the incisions and any bandages.

It's normal to feel nervous, but don't be afraid to hold, comfort, and take care of your baby.

Watch for any problems, and call your doctor if your baby has fewer wet diapers than normal or has a bloated or swollen belly.

Also call your doctor if your baby has problems such as new or worse pain, bleeding, or an incision that comes open.

Call if you see signs of infection, such as increased pain, swelling, warmth, or redness; red streaks leading from the area; pus draining from the area; or a fever.

And call if your baby won't eat or drink, is not gaining weight, or has pain that doesn't get better after taking pain medicine.

Get emergency help right away if your child is very sleepy and hard to wake up, is vomiting blood, or has trouble breathing.

And you may need emergency help if your child has a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Celsius or higher, or is very fussy.

You know your baby best, so call your doctor if you have any questions.

Giving good care after surgery can help your baby feel better and recover sooner.

Recovery and healing take time.

But if you have any questions or concerns, you can always call your doctor.