

Following discharge from the ward for first 24 hours:

During daytime hours:

Safari day Unit Lincoln Hospital	01522 573172
Rainforest Ward Lincoln Hospital	01522 573786
Children's Ward Pilgrim Hospital	01205 445563

If you are concerned it is important that your child is seen by a doctor.

References

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Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Discharge Advice

Children's Services
Lincoln County Hospital
Pilgrim Hospital Boston
Grantham Hospital
www.ulh.nhs.uk

Introduction

Your dentist has diagnosed that your child needs to be referred to the hospital to have some teeth removed and/or to have some surgery on the mouth.

What are the benefits of having the teeth removed?

Teeth are removed for a variety of reasons. Your dentist should have explained this to you and your child, but you will be able to see a doctor on the day of the operation if you have any more questions.

Are there any risks involved in having teeth removed?

Pain

This may last several days after the operation but is usually well controlled by simple painkillers.

Paracetamol or Ibuprofen, in appropriate doses for the child's age, are suitable.

Swelling

This may also last for several days and may not appear for one or two days after the procedure. The degree of swelling is unpredictable but is a normal response to surgery. This is not a concern unless there is severe pain or restricted swallowing or breathing.

Limitations of mouth opening

Again, this is an unexpected complication of surgery of the mouth and it may last for several days.

Altered sensation

Even if your child has had a general anaesthetic for the operation, a local anaesthetic may have been injected whilst your child was asleep, to reduce discomfort immediately after the procedure. This means that your child may be 'numb' or have a 'tingling' sensation around some areas of the face and mouth. This may last for several hours. If it persists for more than two days, then please contact the Oral Surgery Department.

Bleeding

Children having operations inside the mouth may expect a little bleeding. If bleeding occurs, apply a rolled up clean handkerchief or gauze pad over the wound socket and ask your child to bite hard, or apply pressure for 5 to 10 minutes, longer if necessary. If there is any bleeding, stop using mouthwashes.

It is recommended to avoid rinsing the mouth for **at least 24 hours after the operation.**

Encourage your child to drink plenty and clean teeth as normal.

What to do after surgery

DO NOT leave your child unattended for the first 24 hours after the anaesthetic.

DO NOT allow your child to ride their bike for 48 hours and they should avoid excessive activities for at least 24 hours.

Outpatient appointment

If a clinic appointment is necessary, this will be sent to you in the post.