

MERCURY SURGERY CENTER, LLC

PEDIATRIC MEATOTOMY

The meatus is the opening of the urine channel at the end of the penis and frequently this meatus may narrow to pinpoint dimensions as a result of trauma or as a complication of circumcision or hypospadias repair. When this happens, the child has a slow stream of urine and must strain to empty his bladder. For this reason, a meatotomy may have to be performed in which the opening is made larger and more normal in dimensions, and thereby allowing ease of urination. This procedure is very quick and uncomplicated and usually will not need to be repeated. Risks of the procedure do include anesthetic complications (less than 1%), infections (nearly 0), and bleeding which may necessitate re-operation (nearly 0).

PREOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS: You will have a chance to talk with anesthesiologist and the surgeon to answer any questions or address any concerns. You will be able to stay with your child until your child is taken to surgery and will be able to be with him again as soon as he spends a short time in the recovery room. Typically, your child will be given an anesthetic and will be asleep before any painful procedure, including IV placement, is done. Please be certain that he has had nothing to eat or drink after midnight.

POSTOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS: We will allow your child to leave on the day of the surgery after he can drink fluids, is fully alert, and can urinate without difficulty. A pain medication may be prescribed to be used at home if needed. The penis may or may not be wrapped in plastic, waterproof bandage which is transport. If bleeding is noted or urination problems exist, please contact us at once. Please do not let your child sit in a bathtub until we say this is all right, usually when the bandage is off or within 48 hours. Use sponge baths only until this time. Generally, the area will be nicely healed by 2 weeks and nearly completely healed in 1 month.

ADDENDUM: A caudal anesthetic or a penile block may be done for your child after the procedure is completed. This involves the placement of a local anesthetic at the base of the penis or in the tail bone region to provide numbness in the penile area for 6-8 hours. It is safe, effective and generally provides a more comfortable postoperative course for your child. You may fully discuss this with your anesthesiologist.

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Parent

Nurse

Date