

Manchester Royal Eye Hospital Paediatric Ophthalmology

Information for Patients

Advice for parents following your child's polypropylene brow suspension

Please follow these instructions following your child's surgery

- Wash and dry your hands thoroughly.
- Clean the eyelid and forehead wounds 3 times a day using sterile cotton wool and boiled water that has been allowed to cool.
- Using a clean finger smear a small amount of antibiotic ointment along the eyelid and forehead wounds as directed.
- Use lubricating eye drops and ointment to protect the eye and make it more comfortable as directed.
- The use of ice packs during the first 48 hours may help to relieve swelling. Do not apply ice packs directly to your child's skin; cover the ice pack in a clean cloth first.
- Pain relief medication should be used regularly for the first 48 hours. Children's Paracetamol should be given as directed.
- The forehead stitches should fall out in 4 to 6 weeks. If you have any concerns about the stitches please contact staff on the number below.

If you have any concerns or your child develops severe eyelid swelling or visual problems please contact the ward on (0161) 276 5022, Monday – Friday, 7.30 am - 4.00 pm, for advice from a paediatric nurse.

For advice 24 hours every day or if there is no reply on the number above, please contact Ward 55 on (0161) 276 5512 where a member of the nursing team will be able to help you.



