

Cleft and Craniofacial Center University of Rochester, Golisano Children's Hospital

Craniosynostosis Repair

Postoperative Patient Instructions

General

Acetaminophen comes as a tablet, caplet, and liquid. It is used to relieve mild to moderate pain and to reduce fever. It is important to take acetaminophen exactly as directed by your doctor. Follow the directions on the package and ~~ask~~ ask your doctor or pharmacist to explain any part you do not understand. Do not take more or less of it than prescribed by your doctor. Do not take it any more often than prescribed by your doctor.

- ¾ If your child has more than mild discomfort, the doctor ~~prescribe~~ prescribe medicine to help ease the pain. Give pain medicine as prescribed and instructed by your doctor and nurse.
- ¾ Try to schedule a dose of pain medicine around bedtime, especially for the first few days at home. This will help your child sleep better

Constipation

- Keep track of your child's bowel habits. He or she should return to previous bowel habits. If not, he or she may be constipated.
- Call your child's pediatrician or the Plastic Surgery team if you think your child is constipated.

Skin and Wound Care

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