

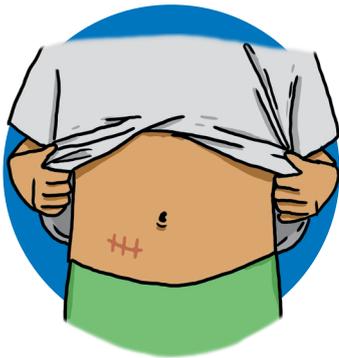
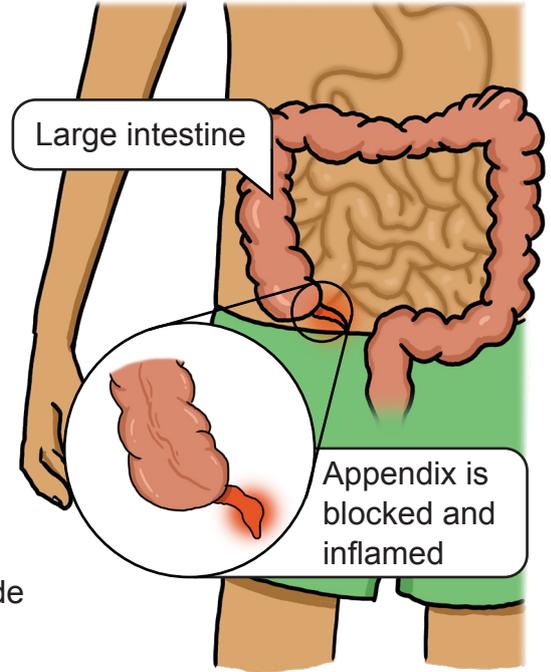


Appendicectomy

(A-pen-di-sec-toe-me)

Discharge advice when going home

Appendicectomy is a common emergency surgery to remove the appendix when it's infected (appendicitis). Bub will have either a small cut or keyhole surgery on the side of their tummy. This depends on how urgent the surgery is and the doctor making the best choice for bub.



A follow up appointment will be made before you leave the hospital.

If bub is in pain give them paracetamol or ibuprofen.

Paracetamol (Panadol)

Given at:

Next dose at:



No more than 4 times in 1 day
see packet instructions

Ibuprofen (Nurofen)

Given at:

Next dose at:



No more than 3 times in 1 day
see packet instructions

Other medications

Give **antibiotics** if directed - see packet instructions.

Antibiotics given at:

Next dose to be given at:

After surgery



Normal food and lots of water



No sports for 2 to 3 weeks
just gentle walking and
slowly do more activities



Bath and shower normally-
pat dry the Steri-Strips. Do
not pick them off, they will
fall off.



Watch bub for signs of
constipation - fluids can
help with this



Bub may say their shoulder
hurts, use a heat pack this
might help with pain

Looking for signs of infection



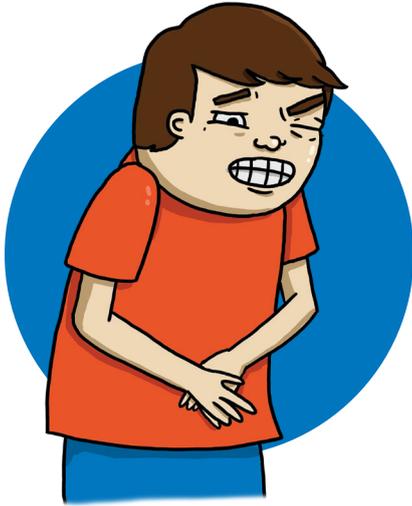
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Vomiting



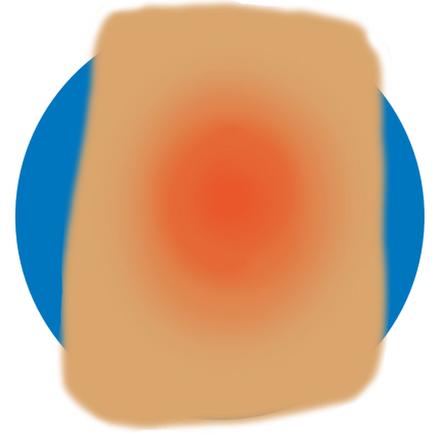
Diarrhea or runny tummy



Pain even when you gave pain medicine



Increase ooze or bleeding



Redness or swelling

If you see any of these signs or have concerns please call the **hospital on 6456 2222** and ask to be put through to **Ward 2B**, or see your GP or health clinic.



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