

# Oesophageal dilatation

## **Directions**

- Observe your child for:
  - o Pain in chest
  - o Fever
  - Difficult breathing
  - Rapid breathing
  - Pale and sweaty skin
  - Vomiting of blood.

## Pain Control

•	Give either paracetamol (Panadol) or ibuprofen (Nurofen) for pain if required, as per
	manufacturer's instructions.
•	Next dose of paracetamol can be given at
•	Next dose of hunrofen can be given at

• Do not give any medicine with paracetamol in it more than four times in 24 hours.

Do not give any medicine with ibuprofen in it (e.g. Nurofen) more than three times in 24 hours.

## Contact details

• If your child shows any of these symptoms, please phone the PCH Switchboard on 6456 2222 and ask for the gastroenterologist on call.

# Advice following an anaesthetic

#### Food and Drink

- When your child is tolerating clear fluids, gradually increase the amount they are being given.
- When your child is hungry, a light diet is recommended. Avoid greasy or fatty foods.
- A normal diet can be resumed the day after a procedure.

## **Vomiting**

- If your child vomits, give nothing for half an hour, then start sips of clear fluids. Gradually increase the amount being given when your child is tolerating fluids.
- Seek medical advice if vomiting continues.

# **Directions**

- Seek medical advice if your child has problems passing urine.
- A responsible adult must stay with the child for at least the first 24 hours after a procedure.
- Seek medical advice if the area where your child's intravenous catheter was put in has increasing redness, swelling or pain.



## **Contact Details**

If you have any concerns after your child's discharge from hospital, please phone 6456 2222 and ask for the Surgical Short Stay Unit between 7am and 9pm, Monday to Friday. After these hours ask for Ward 4B or contact your GP.

To cancel or change your appointment, or if you've forgotten your appointment details, please call Outpatient Direct on 1300 855 275.

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