



Spire Children and Young
People's Service

Patient information

Having a skin lesion removed

This leaflet provides some standard information and advice about your child having a skin lesion removed. However, you should always follow the instructions of your child's consultant.

If you have any unanswered questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask your child's consultant or nurse for more information. It is natural to feel anxious, but knowing what to expect can often help.

The information contained in this leaflet is not intended nor implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice nor is it intended to be for medical diagnosis or treatment.

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What's the operation for?

This is an operation to remove a skin lesion such as a mole, cyst, wart or skin tag. It is usually a quick straightforward procedure and can be carried out whilst your child is awake (if preferred and dependent on the child's age) or under a general anaesthetic, which means your child will be asleep throughout.

About the operation

You will be encouraged to stay with your child as far as the anaesthetic room. Once your child is asleep the nurse will escort you back to your room.

The exact technique used for removing the lesion depends on factors such as what condition it is, its size and location. Most lesions are cut out using a scalpel and the wound closed with stitches or glue. Your child's consultant will advise you of the technique prior to the operation.

After the operation

Your child will be taken from the operating theatre to the recovery room, where they can come round from the anaesthetic under close supervision. Once your child begins

to wake, the nurse will escort you to collect them and return to their room on the ward.

Once on the ward, the nurse will make your child comfortable and continue to observe them. Your child will need to rest on the bed or on your lap until the effects of the anaesthetic have passed.

The consultant will come to see your child and discuss any findings from the operation and follow up care. Once your child has recovered sufficiently, eaten, drank and passed urine they will be able to go home.

Looking after your child at home

After the operation the wound needs to be kept clean and dry and it may or may not have a dressing covering it. Your child's nurse and consultant will advise when to remove the dressing.

An out-patient appointment may be made for your child to see the consultant, if required.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the paediatric team on 0161 447 6914 or main reception on 0161 447 6677.

Spire Manchester Hospital does not have an accident and emergency department therefore if your concerns are of a serious nature please seek immediate medical attention from your local accident and emergency department.