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## POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

# Adenoidectomy

#### **Return to normal activities**

It takes 1-3 days for most children to fully recover. You will need to keep your child away from daycare, kindy and school during this period.

General activities can be resumed when your child feels up to it. Please avoid vigorous nasal blowing, active sports, rough play & heavy lifting for 2 weeks.

#### Pain relief

Children may experience some minor neck or throat discomfort following surgery. Paracetamol (Panadol) is usually all that is required.

Do not use Ibuprofen (Nurofen) or Aspirin, as this can increase the risk of post-operative bleeding.

### **Antibiotics**

Most children will be prescribed augmentin for 5 days (or an alternative if there is an allergy). This will help minimize the temporary bad breath associated with the healing adenoid area.

### Diat

There are no restrictions on diet.

### Fever

It is common to have a milder fever for the first 24hrs after the operation. Please call Dr. Gunawardena's rooms if there is a persistent fever greater than 38.5°C.

# **Bad Breath**

This is expected following removal of the adenoids and is part of the normal healing process. The bad breath usually settles after 3weeks.

### **Bleeding**

If there is any sign of bleeding from the nose or mouth, please present to the nearest Emergency department for assessment.

### Follow Up appointment

A follow up appointment is usually booked 2 weeks after surgery. Please contact Dr Gunawardena's rooms if there are any concerns.