Head Injury

PEDIATRIC NEUROSURGERY HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Your child may go back to normal activities unless otherwise directed by your neurosurgeon. For at least six weeks your child should not play rough or skate, ride a bike or do anything where there is a danger of hitting the head. If there are stitches or staples, no swimming until they are removed.

School
Your child may return to school as directed by your doctor. Please ask your doctor or nurse for a note if you need one for physical activity.

Call your neurosurgeon if you have any questions or if your child has...

• Fever of 101.5°F or more
• Vomits or has nausea that does not go away
• A severe headache or a headache that does not go away
• Seizure activity
• Bulging or full soft spot (if your child’s soft spot is still open)
• Increased sleepiness