The Pump Site
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Activity
Your doctor may recommend that your child stays quiet for 2-3 days after surgery to prevent headache and nausea. For 3-4 weeks your child should avoid activities that require excessive bending or twisting at the waist, overhead reaching, or any movement causing stress on the incision. Also, avoid tight clothing such as elastic waistbands or belts because they could irritate the incision.

The Incision
The dressing can come off 2 - 3 days after surgery. For the first four days after surgery, do sponge baths only. After that, it’s okay for your child to have a shower. Two weeks after surgery, it’s okay to take a bath. Please see the incision care sheet for specific care.

Nutrition
A well-balanced diet is necessary for proper healing. This includes food from each of the basic food groups.

Medicines
You may give our child acetaminophen (Tylenol) for pain. Do not allow your child to stop taking the oral antispasmodic medicine abruptly. Abrupt withdrawal can be very dangerous. You will be given a schedule to gradually decrease this medicine.

School/Work
A child may go back to school when the incision has healed. If you need a school excuse, please ask your doctor or the nurse.
In case of emergency
Tell family members, close friends, and your child’s teacher or other caregivers about the Baclofen pump, why the child has it, and whom to call in an emergency. Tell your child’s primary care physician, also.

You will find a temporary ID card in the patient handbook. It has information needed in an emergency. You will receive a permanent ID card from Medtronic in the mail in 6 – 8 weeks. Please have your child carry it at all times, and tell all your child’s caregivers and teachers about the card.

Call your doctor at (615) 322-7417 if your child has
• Increased pain, redness, swelling, or drainage from or around incision
• Temperature of 101°F or greater
• Sudden increase in spasticity. This may be related to infection, a pump that is near empty or not working properly.
• Increased weakness, difficulty breathing, drowsiness, lightheadedness, slurred speech, double and blurred vision, itching
• Excessive sleepiness
• A beeping sound or alarm coming from pump. This may indicate that the Baclofen is almost used up or that the battery is low

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