Your neurosurgeon has used dissolvable stitches (little black threads) to close the surgical incision. These stitches will dissolve on their own in the next two weeks and fall off.

Your child’s neurosurgeon requests that regardless of which method was used, that you follow these guidelines in caring for the incision when you go home:

- Daily hair shampoos with massage to the incision. NO CONDITIONERS
- Leave the incision open to air as much as possible
- Keep the incision clean and dry
- Do not put any ointments or lotions on the incision
- No swimming or tub baths where the incision would soak in water for the next 3 weeks. NO SOAKING.
- Call your neurosurgeon’s office at 322-6875 if there is any redness, drainage or swelling from the incision and/or your child has a fever of 101.5F or greater

Please call your child’s neurosurgeon if there are any questions or concerns regarding the care of your child’s incision.