

# What to Expect

## After Frontal Orbital Advancement

Typical hospital stay is 3-5 days



### Surgery Day

**Recovery:** IV fluids given during surgery may cause your child's whole body to look swollen.

Holding your child and raising the head of the bed helps to decrease swelling. Your child can start to drink fluids and slowly begin eating food.

**Medication:** Your child will receive fluids, antibiotics, and pain control through the IV.

### 1 Day After Surgery

**Recovery:** Swelling around your child's eyes will get worse. **You can help decrease the swelling by holding your child and raising the head of the bed.**

Once your child is eating and drinking, IV fluids will be stopped. **You can encourage your child to eat food and drink fluids as tolerated.**

**Medication:** Pain will be controlled with Hycet, a combination of Tylenol and Hydrocodone, given by mouth for pain.

### 2 Days After Surgery

**Your child will have blood drawn very early in the morning.**

The team will remove the drain today.

**Recovery:** Swelling around your child's eyes will get even worse. Eyes could swell shut. **You can help decrease the swelling by holding your child and raising the head of the bed.**

IV fluids will be stopped once your child is eating and drinking. **You can encourage your child to eat food and drink fluids as tolerated**

**Medication:** Once the drain is removed, IV antibiotics are not needed.

Pain will be controlled with Hycet, a combination of Tylenol and Hydrocodone, given by mouth for pain.

**Wound Care:** An antibiotic ointment called Bacitracin will be applied to the incision morning and night for a total of 5 days. **Your medical team will help you learn to apply Bacitracin ointment to the incision on your child's head.**

### 3 Days After Surgery

**Recovery:** Your child's eyes could swell shut. **You can help decrease the swelling by holding your child and raising the head of the bed.**



Swelling could move from side to side. Switch sides regularly.

**You can continue to encourage your child to eat food and drink fluids as tolerated.**

**Medication:** Your child's pain will now be controlled with Tylenol every 4 hours. If needed, ibuprofen (Motrin) can be given every 6 hours for pain.

**Wound Care:** **Apply Bacitracin ointment to your child's incision with nursing supervision in morning and at night.**

Your child will have a bath today. **Learn how to give your child a bath.**

### 4-5 Days After Surgery

**Recovery:** Your child's swelling will go down. Once your child's eyes open, your family will be able to go home. **You can help decrease the swelling by holding your child and raising the head of the bed.**

**You will continue to encourage your child to eat food and drink fluids as tolerated.**

**Medication:** Your child's pain will now be controlled with Tylenol every 4 hours as needed. If needed, ibuprofen (Motrin) can be given every 6 hours for pain.

**Wound Care:** **Apply Bacitracin ointment to your child's incision with nursing supervision in morning and at night. You will give your child a bath today with a nurse present to help or answer questions.**

### At Home

**Recovery:** **You can help decrease the swelling by holding your child and raising the head of the bed.**

Full appetite will return over time and normalize within a week.

Your child can return to activities. No bouncing, jumping, or any activities that could cause injury to the surgical incision site.

**Medication:** Tylenol can be given every 4 to 6 hours as needed for pain. Follow dosage and package instructions

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