Correction of Inverted Nipples

Post - Operative Instructions

Expected pain and management

• During the procedure local anaesthetic was injected which should numb the operative site for 6-8 hours after your procedure.
• Once the local anaesthetic wears off you may begin to feel some discomfort for which you should take:
  - Panadol / Panadeine 2 tablets every 4-6 hours for the first 24 hours and continuing as required.
  - Anti-inflammatory e.g. Neurofen can be used in addition to Panadol/Panadeine if required.
• For larger procedures you may be discharged with stronger pain relief such as Panadeine Forte/Endone. These medications should be taken according to instructions given by the prescribing doctor and pharmacist.
• If your pain is not controlled with the above measure contact WPRS for advice.

Wound Care

• Please keep your dressing dry, unless you have been advised that you can get the dressing wet.
• Please do not remove your dressing unless you have been informed to do so.
• If your dressing falls off, do not be concerned as it will not harm the operative site. You should contact WPRS during office hours for advice regarding the dressing.
• If any bleeding occurs upon discharge, please apply pressure to the site for 10 minutes and then reassess. If bleeding continues, repeat pressure for a further 10 minutes. Contact WPRS if the bleeding does not cease following these measures.
• At 5-7 days you will have a post-operative wound check with the nurse at WPRS who will advise you on further dressings and wound care.

Activity

• Avoid any strenuous activity after your procedure for 1 week.
• Your surgeon will let you know when you can return to your normal activities and work.
• Driving will depend on your operative site and you surgeon will let you know when it is safe to drive.

If you have any concerns please contact WPRS on (03) 5562 5330
- During business hours your call will be answered by a nurse and managed as appropriate.
- After hours you may leave a message or your call will be diverted to the on call Plastic Surgeon.

In the unlikely event you are unable to contact anyone at WPRS then call St John of God hospital on (03) 5564 0600.