

## **Surgical Wound Care in Children**

## Patient Information







## How to Take Care of Children's Surgical Wounds at Home

- For 2 weeks after the surgery, clean the surgical wound 3 times a day with Pyodine and sterile gauze (do not rub).
- Wash your hands thoroughly before cleaning the wound.
- Start cleaning from the least contaminated area to the most contaminated area (from inner to outer side of the wound).
- Never use the same piece of gauze twice.
- Take a bath every day with clean water that is properly boiled and cooled to room temperature.
- Ensure that the child wears properly washed clothes.
- Do not touch or let the child touch the wound unnecessarily.
- Do not touch or let the child touch the wound with unclean or bare hands.
- Do not let any food crumbs get on the bare wound. Cover the wound while eating, to avoid any accidents. In case of spillage or crumbs getting into the wound, clean it with Pyodine.
- Do not let the child scratch the wound site.

In case you notice any redness, foul smell, fever, change in colour or discharge from the wound, report to The Aga Khan University Hospital's 24/7 Emergency and Acute Care Services immediately. You may call (021) 3486 4080-1 for infomation.

