

Mr Danny Morrison

Care of the eyes after syringing and probing of tear ducts or tube insertion

All probing surgery is under general anaesthetic. The procedure takes about 30 minutes. It is usual to go home the same day, about 4 hours after waking up.

The eyelid may feel a little sore and there might be some discomfort of the nose or a very small amount of blood or mucous from the nose. It is fine to take Calpol (Paracetamol) for the pain or discomfort.

Eye drops: You will be given steroid and antibiotic drops to put in the eye for 3-4 times a day for at least two weeks.

There may be a visible plastic (silicone) tube in the corner of the eye. This will stay in place until it is removed in outpatients or theatre at a later date.

When can you swim?

After one week.

Can I have a bath or shower? What about hair washing?

Yes.

When can I go back to school?

You can expect your child to be off school for two days after surgery.

When do I have to come back to the eye clinic?

In 2 weeks, then at 2-3 months.

Contact my secretary or personal assistant if there is severe pain and the eyelid cannot be opened because of excessive lid swelling. This can be a sign of infection or reaction to the antibiotic/steroid drops given.