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INDICATIONS FOR ADMISSION FOR TONSIL SURGERY

| Admission Type | Indications |
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| Inpatient [Admitted to hospital the night before surgery and discharged the day following surgery] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Abscess and airway problems ➤ IV Antibiotics |
| Same Day Admission Surgery (SDAS) [Admitted to hospital after completion of surgery and discharged the day following surgery] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Patients with high risk of bleeding, medical or airway problems ➤ Less than 4 years of age and/or small size ➤ Limited to 2 cases per OR slate, <u>IF</u> bed is available |
| Daycare (D/C) [No hospital admission] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 90% of surgical cases ➤ Advantages: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No chance of cancellation, except for medical reasons 2. No restrictions on number of cases that can be done in a day; therefore, shorter waiting list 3. Safer – better nursing ratio with staff experienced in tonsillectomies 4. Reduced exposure to sick patients and contagious germs 5. Flexibility – If parents, nursing staff or physician have concerns after the procedure, the patient is admitted. |

There have been concerns with respect to patients being asked to consider staying over night in a hotel in Cranbrook. After having performed more than 4000 tonsillectomies, we have not had a post-operative bleed in the immediate 24-hour period following surgery. Staying overnight in a local hotel is a safety measure only.

If your child was to have the procedure done in Lethbridge or Calgary, you would be scheduled as a daycare patient and required to stay in a hotel both the night before and after the surgery. Also, if your child was to bleed in the 7-10 day post-operative period, there is no guarantee that a surgeon (ENT or otherwise) would be available in this area as the date is not coordinated with the availability of a surgeon in this area with respect to the schedule at our hospital.

Please feel free to discuss this matter with me or my staff at anytime.

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