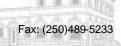
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## INDICATIONS FOR ADMISSION FOR TONSIL SURGERY

Admission Type	Indications
Inpatient [Admitted to hospital the night before surgery and discharged the day following surgery]	<ul><li>Abscess and airway problems</li><li>IV Antibiotics</li></ul>
Same Day Admission Surgery (SDAS) [Admitted to hospital after completion of surgery and discharged the day following surgery]	<ul> <li>Patients with high risk of bleeding, medical or airway problems</li> <li>Less than 4 years of age and/or small size</li> <li>Limited to 2 cases per OR slate, <u>IF</u> bed is available</li> </ul>
Daycare (D/C) [No hospital admission]	<ul> <li>90% of surgical cases</li> <li>Advantages:         <ol> <li>No chance of cancellation, except for medical reasons</li> <li>No restrictions on number of cases that can be done in a day; therefore, shorter waiting list</li> <li>Safer – better nursing ratio with staff experienced in tonsillectomies</li> <li>Reduced exposure to sick patients and contagious germs</li> <li>Flexibility – If parents, nursing staff or physician have concerns after the procedure, the patient is admitted.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

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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