Caring for Your Child
After Cystoscopy

Today your child had a cystoscopy. A cystoscopy is a procedure that allows the physician to directly examine the urinary tract, which includes the urethra (tube leading from the bladder to the outside of the body) and the bladder (place where urine is stored in the body). During a cystoscopy a long flexible lighted tube is inserted into the urethra and the bladder. The physician is able to see the lower urinary tract, take pictures and collect small samples of tissue for testing (biopsies).

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER YOUR CHILD’S SURGERY:

Appearance:
Your child’s penis/vaginal/urethral area may appear irritated. Your child may have some burning or irritation the first time he voids. Your child’s urine may be a bit pink for 3-5 days.

Diet:
Your child can begin clear liquids and advance his diet as tolerated. Try to increase the amount he drinks for the next 24-48 hours.

Bathing:
Your child may shower or bathe on the day after surgery.

Pain Management:
Your child may have pain or burning with urination and may feel uncomfortable. You may give Acetaminophen (Tylenol) every 4-6 hours as needed. Follow the instructions on the label for the correct dosage.

CALL THE DOCTOR IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

- Fever above 101.5°F by mouth or above 102.5°F rectally
- Vomiting the day after surgery and cannot keep fluids down
- Pain not relieved by pain medicine
- Bleeding from the urethra

TELEPHONE NUMBERS
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

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Evenings, Weekends, Holidays – (215) 590-1000, ask the operator to page the Urologist on call.