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Having craniofacial surgery with a frame (Easy Read)



You are coming into hospital to have an operation to re-shape your head and face.



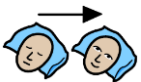
You will have the operation while you are under anaesthetic. This means you will not feel anything or know what happens during the operation.



The surgeon will move your skin and hair so they can see your skull and face bones. They will re-shape them and fix them in place.



Some children have a frame on their face to pull the bones forward gradually over a few weeks.



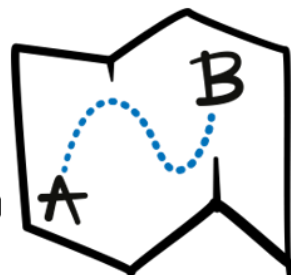
You will come back to the ward to wake up from the anaesthetic.



The nurses will check you regularly to make sure you are getting better.



Your face will be swollen after the operation. Your eyes may be bruised and sore too. This will get better gradually.





You will feel sore after the operation but the nurses will give you pain medicine to take away the pain.



You might feel sick after the operation. The doctors will give you some medicine to stop you feeling sick.



You can have something to eat and drink when you are not feeling sick. You will have to eat soft food such as scrambled eggs and jelly.



You can get out of bed and go to the play room when you are starting to feel better.



The nurses will wash your hair and show your parents how to do this without it hurting.



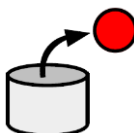
If you have a frame, the nurses will show your parents how to look after it.



You will be able to go home when you are not swollen and getting back to normal.



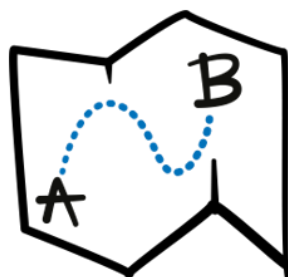
You may still be sore when you get home. You can have pain medicine to take away the pain.

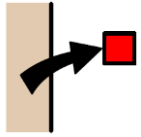


The stitches in your skin will fall out over the next few weeks. This is good because it shows you are getting better.



You will need to come back to the hospital for a check-up. We will tell you when this is booked.





If you have a frame, this will be taken off several weeks after the operation.



Please ask us if you have any questions.

