



Department of Ophthalmology
Santa Rosa

**POSTOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS:
PROBE AND IRRIGATION OF TEAR DUCT**

IMPRINT AREA

This procedure is done under general anesthesia in the Operating Room. Some special precautions should be taken after surgery.

1. Your child should be fed slowly at first. Start with clear liquids such as ice chips or apple juice – no more than 1/2 cup. Observe for 15 minutes before giving more. Watch for any vomiting.
2. Let your child sleep if he/she chooses. It is not unusual for several hours to elapse before usual liveliness returns (or for more drowsiness or alertness to recur later in the 1st day).
3. Apply the eye medication if directed by your physician.
4. Keep your appointment as directed.
5. It is not unusual to detect orange-yellow stains around the eye, nose or urine. It is the Fluorescein Stain used briefly to irrigate the tear duct system to insure proper opening. It may faintly stain a diaper permanently, however.
6. Please do not hesitate to call the Eye Department Advice Nurse at 571-4022 before 5 p.m. or the Emergency Dept. after 5 p.m. at 571-4800 if:

There is fever above 100°F

Persistent vomiting

Persistent unusual sleepiness

Eye pain

FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENT:

Please keep your follow-up appointment which is found in your pre-operative packet.

***These instructions have been explained to me.
I understand them and have received a copy of them.***

SIGNATURE OF PATIENT OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

DATE