

General Abdominal Surgical Discharge Advice

With any abdominal Surgery there is always the possibility of Adhesions or Strictures in the future.

What are adhesions?

Adhesions are bands of scar tissue that can make your tissues or organs inside your body stick together. They often form after you've had an operation inside your abdomen (tummy) or pelvis.

The tissue develops when the body's repair mechanism responds to any tissue disturbance, such as surgery. Although adhesions can occur anywhere, the most common locations are within the abdomen and pelvis.

What are strictures?

A stricture is a narrowing of a section of the intestine that causes problems by slowing or blocking the movement of food through the area. Strictures can lead to hospitalization and also may need surgery to correct them.

What are the signs of adhesions or strictures?

Symptoms include tummy pain, distention and vomiting. If vomiting is pale green or dark green in colour you need to take your child to be seen at the hospital. You can go to your local hospital where they may seek advice from the Royal Alexandra children's Hospital or you can go to the RACH direct.

PLEASE TELEPHONE TMBU FOR ADVICE, YOU MAY NEED TO COME TO THE ROYAL ALEXANDRA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO BE SEEN.

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