

FAQs in pediatric surgery

1. Is surgery safe for my child at this age?

Many parents of neonate, infants or toddlers are apprehensive about surgery in their children due to the age. `But, YES, surgery is safe especially when done by the specialized and expert team members in pediatric care. Any additional risks in special circumstances can be discussed with surgeon in detail before surgery.

2. Will surgery have any long term side effects on my child?

No. on the contrary surgery is advised by pediatric surgeons to treat ailments which if left untreated can be detrimental and increase morbidity in near or later age of child.

3. Is it necessary for my kid to have to be empty stomach before surgery?

Following all dietary restrictions given by your surgeon reduces the risk of an anaesthesia complication. It is important to be empty stomach when receiving anaesthesia as food or liquid in the stomach may come back up to throat and drain into the windpipe or lungs. Child may feel nauseated when they wake up from surgery. An empty stomach reduces the risk of vomiting after surgery.

4. How long will my child stay in hospital?

Every surgery has different recommended duration of stay in hospital which can be discussed with the treating surgeon before planning of surgery. It may range from one day to several days or weeks if needed.

5. My child is very mischeivious. will it be a issue in post surgery recovery??

No. Children are usually advised to resume their physical activity with in 24 hrs of surgery and can attain the same amount of physical activity as before surgery in most of cases.