

Tear duct probe

What is a tear duct probe?

A tear duct probe is done to open a small or blocked tear duct.

What can I expect after surgery?

Most children do not have any discomfort from the procedure. Your child's eyes may be bloodshot. There may be pink-tinged tears, or bloody nose drainage for 1 or 2 days.

How should I care for my child?

It may be helpful to have a wet washcloth in a plastic bag handy in case a nosebleed occurs.

Follow your Discharge Instruction sheet for instructions about diet, activity, pain control, and when to see the surgeon again.

When should I call the surgeon?

- temperature higher than 101° F (38.4° C)
- lower eyelid becomes swollen, tender, or warm
- pus at the tear duct
- nosebleeds that cannot be stopped by squeezing the nose
- pink-tinged tears or bloody nose drainage that lasts more than 2 days

Questions?

This sheet is not specific to your child, but provides general information. If you have any questions please call the surgeon.

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