

Pediatric Head Injury - Closed

The child had a head injury today. We did not find any brain or nerve damage when we examined the child. Sometimes, though, problems can show up later.

Do the following:

- Have the child rest quietly for 24 hours.
- Give the child simple foods, such as soup and other liquids for the next day.
- Watch the child for the problems listed below.
- Wake the child up to check for the symptoms listed below.

Call your doctor if:

- Has repeated or continued vomiting.
- Has a headache that gets worse or lasts more than a day.
- Has unequal pupils (one large and one small).
- Has double vision.
- Has trouble seeing clearly, walking or using his/her arms.
- Has dizziness, unusual sleepiness, confusion, or fainting.
- Has trouble awakening or speaking.
- Has bleeding or drainage of fluid from his/her nose or ears.
- Has a change in his/her behavior.
- Has new or increased neck pain.
- Feels worse, you are concerned or any new symptoms develop.