



Examination under Anaesthetic (EUA) Information for Parents

What is an Examination under Anaesthetic (EUA)?

In an EUA, doctors look closely at the eye but do not do an operation. Your child will be admitted to the children's ward, given a general anaesthetic (GA) and taken to the operating theatre for the EUA.

Why do doctors need to do an EUA?

EUAs are performed for a variety of reasons. Generally, an EUA is done when it would be uncomfortable for your child to be examined while they are awake. Your nurse or doctor will be able to give you more information about why your child needs an EUA.

How long will my child need to be in hospital?

EUAs are completed as day cases. This means that your child will be admitted, examined and discharged on the same day.

What happens if the doctors find something wrong when they do the EUA?

When doctors perform an EUA they sometimes discover a problem that needs an operation straightaway. This is most likely for children who have glaucoma, where EUAs are regularly performed to check the pressure inside the eye. In these cases, the operation will be completed while your child is under the anaesthetic.

What happens when the EUA is finished?

Once the EUA has been completed, your child will go to the recovery area. When they are awake you can come and collect them with the nurse. The doctor will come to the ward area to discuss the findings from the EUA and future treatment for your child.

How will my child feel after the anaesthetic?

Your child may feel sick for the first twenty-four hours. You should encourage, but not force, them to drink. As long as they are



drinking, it does not matter if they do not feel like eating for the first couple of days.

Will my child be in pain after the EUA?

It is quite common for children to feel uncomfortable after an EUA. This is normal. When you get home, you should give your child regular pain relieving medicine, as instructed by the nurses or doctors.

When will my child be able to go home?

Each child is individually assessed, but your child will need to remain on the ward at least 2 hours after an EUA. During this time your child should have drunk fluids, eaten and passed urine.

Can my child play sports and go swimming after an EUA?

Your child should not play sports or go swimming until advised by their doctor. The doctor will advise you before discharge or at the post-operative appointment.