

# Baclofen Pump Replacement (Before and After Surgery)

## Preparing for Your Hospital Stay

You are scheduled for surgery to have an intrathecal baclofen pump replaced. Here are some helpful reminders that will make your hospital stay more comfortable.

Important: Bathe the night before surgery using a special soap called HIBICLINS (Chlorhexadine). This soap can be purchased at your local drugstore. Also, be sure to have a bowel movement the day before surgery. You may need to use over-the-counter constipation medication to ensure you're not constipated after surgery.

Bring the following items with you:

- Braces, hand splints, knee immobilizers, ankle-foot orthoses, etc.
- Equipment such as a walker, wheelchair or crutches
- Favorite books, videos, stuffed toys, etc. (Please label with your child's name.)

What you need to know after surgery:

- Most patients require an overnight hospital stay. If the catheter also must be replaced, it will require a five-day stay.

Here are some things you can expect during your recovery.

- You will have an IV (intravenous tube) that provides pain medicine.
- You will wear a wrap around your waist and stomach called an abdominal binder. It will support the pump and prevent swelling in the areas.
- If the catheter is replaced, you must lie flat for approximately three days. You can lie on your back or side as long as your head is not elevated.
- One or two adults are welcome to sleep overnight in your room throughout the hospital stay. However, we ask that no siblings stay overnight.

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If you are a Gillette patient with urgent questions or concerns, please contact Telehealth Nursing at [651-229-3890](tel:651-229-3890).