



## Follow-Up Appointment: Surgery

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The neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) team celebrates with you as your baby goes home! Because your baby is a NICU graduate, he or she is at higher risk for certain problems after discharge. That's why your baby needs important follow-up appointments to ensure his or her best health.

### Why does my baby need this appointment?

A *pediatric surgeon* is a children's doctor who is also an expert in the diagnosis and surgical treatment of a variety of problems.

### Where is the appointment?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### When is the appointment?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

You need to call the pediatric surgery office to schedule your baby's appointment.

The pediatric surgery office will call you to schedule your baby's appointment.

### Important Things to Remember

- Each follow-up appointment with pediatric surgery is important and is in addition to well-child check-ups with your baby's primary care provider.
- If you are unable to keep this important follow-up appointment, please call to reschedule.
- Always take your baby for future surgery examinations as directed by the pediatric surgeon.
- Bring a list of your baby's current medicines, dose, and the time you gave the last dose with you to the appointment.

*The above information is provided to help you better understand your baby's care. Always follow the instructions given by your baby's provider and ask questions if you have concerns about your baby.*

### Online Resources

American Academy of Pediatrics  
[www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)

Kids Health  
[www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)