• Your child will go home with a bandage on the umbilicus. The bandage should remain dry and intact for 5-7 days, after which time it can be removed.

• White steri-strips (small pieces of tape that cover the skin incision) are below the bandage. The steri-strips should stay in place until they start coming off on their own (which will usually occur 7 days postoperatively)

• Your child will be prescribed acetaminophen with codeine or an equivalent for postoperative pain, which is typically needed for only a few days after surgery. It is also recommended to try to use acetaminophen and/or ibuprofen for post-operative pain and use the acetaminophen with codeine only for severe pain.

• Your child is not to submerge in the tub or a pool while the bandage is on. You may sponge bathe your child during this time. Once the bandage is removed, you may resume usual bathing/shower.

• Your child is to avoid rough play for one week post-operatively.

• As children generally heal very well after an umbilical hernia repair, simple phone follow-up will be arranged by the pediatric surgery team. However, should there be any concerns that warrant a follow-up clinic appointment, one will be scheduled for you and your child.

• Call our office at (843)792-3853 and (843)792-3851 should your child develop a fever of 101.5F or greater, uncontrollable pain, and/or concern for wound infection.