

## FAQ's

### Baclofen Pump Surgery

1. **How long will my child be in the hospital?** For initial pump insertion, most patients are in the hospital for at least 5 days. Patients who are only having the pump replaced stay 1-2 days.
2. **How big is the pump?** The baclofen pump is shaped like a disc and resembles a hockey puck in size. It is round and about 2 3/4 inches in diameter.
3. **Will there be much pain?** The most frequent complaint from baclofen pump surgery is that of pain along the abdominal incision. Pain is very usually minimal and well controlled with Tylenol or Ibuprofen.
4. **Is the pump permanent?** Baclofen pumps usually last about 4-6 years before needing a battery replacement. Replacement surgery involves replacing the pump disc only.
5. **When can my child resume therapy activity or regular activity?** We allow at least two weeks of recovery from a pump insertion before we release a patient to return to activity.
6. **Will the results be immediate?** Often times patient will have an immediate response to the baclofen pump, however most see changes in about 1-2 days. The pump is slowly adjusted to meet the needs of the patient, so it may take a day or two to get to the dose that is right for your child.