



## Intracapsular tonsillectomy (3 of 5) - The operation



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# Intracapsular tonsillectomy

PART 3 OF 5

## The operation



*Click on each of the following questions to discover the answers.*

## WHAT IS A TONSILLECTOMY?



This is an operation to remove the **TONSILS**  
It is a very **COMMON** operation



Your child must have a lot of bad **SORE THROATS**,  
**QUINSY**, or **TROUBLE SLEEPING** to have this  
operation

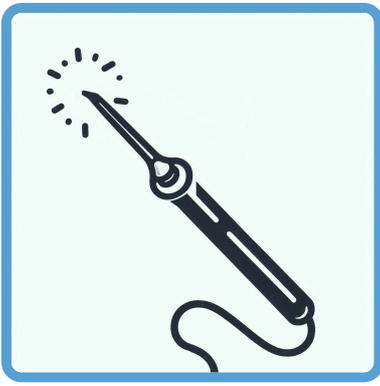


There must be more **BENEFITS** for having the  
operation than the common risks

## WHAT IS INTRACAPSULAR TONSILLECTOMY?



**TONSILS** are surrounded by a thin layer of tissue  
called a **CAPSULE**



**INTRACAPSULAR TONSILLECTOMY** uses a heat wand to remove the tonsil but leaves the capsule in place

## WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE OPERATION?



Your child could have an **EXTRACAPSULAR TONSILLECTOMY**

This is the **TRADITIONAL** way of removing the tonsils



This operation removes both the **TONSIL** and the **CAPSULE**

## WHY CHOOSE INTRACAPSULAR TONSILLECTOMY?



The doctor will **EXPLAIN** the best treatment for your child



**INTRACAPSULAR TONSILLECTOMY** has a much lower risk of bleeding

## BEFORE YOUR CHILD'S OPERATION



Arrange for **TWO WEEKS** off school or nursery



You must tell us if your child gets **UNUSUAL** bleeding or bruising

Also, tell us if **OTHER FAMILY** members have this type of problem



Please tell the **ENT specialist** and **Anaesthetist** if your child has any loose, capped, or crowned teeth



Let the **ENT specialist** know if your child has a cold or a sore throat in the week before the operation

If this is the case, it will be safer to delay the operation

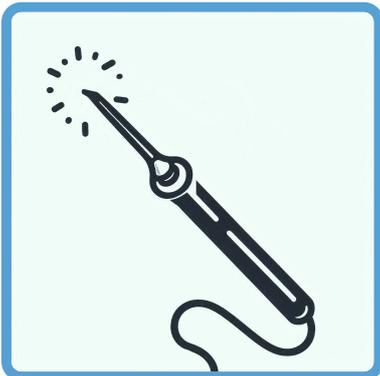
## WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE OPERATION?



Your child will be asleep under a general anaesthetic



A tonsillectomy is performed through the mouth  
There are no outside cuts or scars



A hot instrument called a coblator is used



The operation usually takes about 30 minutes



Your child will then be taken to a **RECOVERY AREA** after the operation

They will be carefully watched while they wake up  
They will be away from the ward for about an hour



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