

Congratulations on your child being accepted for Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy surgery at Saint Louis Children's Hospital in Saint Louis, Missouri. Dr. T.S. Park considers your child a suitable candidate for this procedure.

The next step will be to look at some possible dates if you wish to proceed. You will receive a detailed cost with payment methods once we schedule. In the meantime, there is a document on the SDR Facebook Group with the overall costs.

If you wish to schedule, please let **Deanna Walter** (walterd@wudosis.wustl.edu) know an approximate time-frame so that we can put your child on a waiting list. You must specify a month and your child's name can be on the waiting list only for one month. We cannot put any name on multiple lists. Ultimately, we would be the ones to decide on which specific day we schedule the surgery, but you may if you like state a preference (early month, mid, late, etc.). If Dr. Park has recommended possible orthopaedic surgery, he will want your child to be examined by one of our orthopaedic surgeons (whether or not you choose to have the surgery here). We would appreciate it you could let us know if you would like the orthopaedic surgery done here. We will schedule it when we schedule the SDR.

Our protocols do require that you remain here for at approximately three (3) weeks after discharge, for a total of about a month in the US. Once we have the date for surgery, we will also schedule physical therapy.

As you plan for the trip, we will also need to know whether your child has a wheelchair or stroller which will be suitable after surgery. Your child will need a wheelchair or stroller especially for long distances for about 2 weeks after discharge as he/she will be quite weak still. If you intend to bring a stroller, please send us pictures of your child sitting in it (from the front and side) so that we may determine whether it is suitable. Otherwise, we will send you a form to complete and once we have scheduled. It can be scanned and e-mailed or faxed to the number on the form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to assisting you and making this as smooth and stress-free as possible.

Thank you

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