Primary haemorrhage following tonsillectomy

Tonsillectomy is a common surgical procedure to remove the tonsils. Tonsils are the glands at the back of the throats that are often responsible for throat infections. Tonsillectomy is performed to reduce the frequency of throat infections in selected patients, thus improving the quality of life of these patients. Although most tonsillectomy patients are discharged several hours after surgery, there can be risks such as primary haemorrhage (bleeding immediately within 24 hours after the operation). This condition may be life-threatening.

KTPH maintains a high vigilance on its quality of surgical techniques and prophylaxis in our patient care. This indicator serves to reduce patient’s risk through active monitoring of post-tonsillectomy bleeding complications. The number of primary haemorrhage cases detected following tonsillectomy procedures has been zero since this indicator was implemented in January 2011.

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