

NINJA PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET (aged 6 and under)

Nail bed INJury Analysis (NINJA):

Should the nail plate be replaced or discarded after nail bed repair in children?

Sammy and his poorly nail



Hello, my name is Sammy.

I hurt my fingernail yesterday so I've come to hospital to get it fixed.

Do you want to have a look round with me?

You can colour in all the pictures if you want!

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This is where the doctor has a look at my nail.

The doctor will ask my grown up some questions about me, like how I hurt my finger.

The doctor has decided that I need an operation to fix my fingernail.

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The doctor will ask my grown up if they want me to take part in a special project to help them learn more about poorly fingernails.

If I take part I will still have an operation as normal but my grown up will have to fill in a questionnaire about me and my finger.

My grown up will need to fill in another questionnaire in a few months. They will get a letter, text or email telling them all about it.

They also need to take a photo of my finger in a few months' time and email it to the doctors.

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I will be looked after by the doctors and nurses in a special room called the operating room.

They will give me some magic medicine to help me sleep. While I am asleep they will fix my finger.

To do this, the doctors will need to take my fingernail off, but I'll be fast asleep so I won't feel a thing!

A computer will tell them if they should put it back on or not, this is the special project which will help the doctors learn more about helping children with poorly fingernails.

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After I've had the operation I will wake up in a bed with my family waiting for me. I might still feel very sleepy and I'll have a big plaster on my finger.

When I've seen the doctor again I'll be able to get up and go home with my family! Yaheeee!

I'll keep the plaster on until I next see the doctor.

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I'll see the doctor again in about a week.

If my finger hurts lots I'll tell my grown up and they'll tell the doctor, who can help me with some medicine if I need it.

The doctor will ask me and my grown up some more questions and soon my finger will look and feel much better. And my fingernail will grow back in a few months. The doctors will be able to tell how good it looks when we send them a photo in a few months' time.

If I decide I don't want a photo of my finger taken or to answer any more questions, I can tell my grown up.

Time to go home now, it was nice to meet you!

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