

My bone graft Experience!

On the day of my 'Operation', my parents came with me to the hospital, when we got to the hospital I was starving because the doctor said I couldn't eat after 7:00 a.m! My operation was scheduled in the afternoon.

An hour after checking in Dr. Andrew Heggie (My surgeon) came and said that it was time for me to go into the operating room. First they gave me a needle and then I fell asleep. The first time I woke up my mum was looking at me but I didn't know who she was or where I was so I went back to sleep.

The second time I woke up my mum asked if I was hungry, I said yes, so my mum ordered some pumpkin soup. When I had finished I went back to sleep.

The next day my dad and my little sister came to visit me. I wanted to know what I looked like so my mum took a photo of me with the

digital camera. My mum showed me the picture and I saw that my mouth was very swelled up; and when I looked at my hip (right-hand-side) I saw this plastic "thing" over it. Whenever I moved my hip hurt. I couldn't talk because my mouth was so swelled up!

I went home on the second day. When I got home my dad had to carry me because I couldn't walk. For the next few days I didn't do much, all I did was eat, sleep, watch TV and write down notes to tell my mum and dad what I needed. Whenever I had to go somewhere like to the bathroom or kitchen, my mum or dad would wheel me around using the office chair which has wheels.

Then after a few days I could walk and talk and eat proper food, but I still couldn't eat seafood.

The following week I had to go and visit Dr. Andrew Heggie in the city so that he could take off the plastic "thing" on my hip. I could see the scar on my hip its about 2 inches wide.

The scar on my hip still wasn't closed properly at both ends I couldn't go into the wave pool, when my sister and her friend did. I was back to normal on my birthday (a week after the operation) and 2 days later we celebrated CHRISTMAS! But I still couldn't eat seafood! This happened in the year 2004.

By Kelly Ho

PS: Kelly celebrated her 10th birthday a week after her bone graft operation. She had the operation on the last day of term four 2004.