Oxford University Hospitals
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Ward 5F Day Case Unit, John Radcliffe Hospital

Discharge advice after your ERCP
Information for patients
We will discuss your ERCP result with you before you leave and give you a copy of your report. Please ask if you have any questions.

Your ERCP

You have had an ERCP:

- [ ] Under sedation
- [ ] Under propofol sedation

The sedation you have been given makes you sleepy and can cause forgetfulness and lack of concentration.

You should go home and rest today. The drugs remain in your body for at least 24 hours, so you must have someone responsible with you for this period of time.

You should not go home on public transport after this procedure. You will need to be taken home by car. This will be more comfortable for you and also quicker for you to return to the hospital if there are any complications on the journey home.

In the next 24 hours:

- Do not go to work.
- Do not drive a motorised vehicle (your insurance will not cover you).
- Do not operate machinery.
- Do not make important decisions.
- Do not sign legally binding documents.
- Do not drink alcohol.

After effects

You may have a sore throat for about 24 hours. This is quite normal.

During the ERCP you had a:

- [ ] Sphincterotomy
- [ ] Pre – cut
- [ ] Stent

We will explain to you what this procedure involved and any treatment you may need afterwards. Please contact the numbers on the back of this leaflet if you have:

- pain in your neck, chest or abdomen, especially epigastric pain (pain
in the centre of your chest /abdomen) or pain that radiates to your back
• nausea or vomiting
• a fever (hot or cold spells)
• any signs of bleeding, including black faeces, or dizziness.

What happens next?

A copy of the endoscopy report will be sent to your GP within 10 working days. You should also be given a copy of this report before you go home.

Your results

These are sent to the Doctor who requested that you have the test. They should be received within 20 working days.

If your GP referred you for the test, you should contact your GP’s surgery in 4 weeks’ time. If you wish to discuss the results of the biopsy please make an appointment with your GP.

If the investigation was requested by a hospital Consultant, the report will be sent to them. The Consultant will then write to your GP to tell them the results of the biopsy. If you are having other tests your Consultant may need to wait for all the results before they write to your GP. This may not be until after you have returned for a further outpatient appointment.

Your follow up is:

☐ No further appointment is needed
☐ Make an appointment with your GP in 4 weeks
☐ An outpatient appointment will be sent to you in ............................ weeks/ months
☐ A repeat procedure will be arranged in ......................... weeks/ years

The following further investigations will be arranged:
Biopsy results

All biopsy results are seen by a consultant. Some patients are given their biopsy results when they attend their next outpatient appointment. If a consultant does not need to see you in the outpatients department, your results will be sent to your GP. Please call your GP after 4 weeks for the results.

Questions or concerns

If you have any questions or concerns about your ERCP, please telephone:
**Ward 5F on:**  Tel: 01865 221 185 or
**Urgent Endoscopy Advice bleep:**
Tel: 01865 741 166 – ask to bleep 6825

Let us know your views

Comments about your experience in the Endoscopy Departments can be emailed to:

John Radcliffe: endoscopy@ouh.nhs.uk

Or you may write to:

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If you have a specific requirement, need an interpreter, a document in Easy Read, another language, large print, Braille or audio version, please call **01865 221 473** or email **PALSJR@ouh.nhs.uk**

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