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Ward 5E 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 midazolam and fentanyl sedation
- under propofol sedation

The sedation you have been given makes you sleepy and can cause forgetfulness and lack of concentration for up to 24 hours. You should go home and rest today.

You must be collected and accompanied home.

If you have had sedation and live alone, we recommend that you try to arrange for someone to stay with you overnight.

For 24 hours after the sedation you must not:

- drive
- drink alcohol
- operate heavy machinery
- sign any legally binding documents.

Most people feel back to normal after 24 hours.

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 Urgent Endoscopy Advice Line on the number at 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 1 working day. You should also be given a copy of the report before you go home.

Your results

If the investigation was requested by a hospital Consultant, the report will be sent to them. The Consultant will then write to you and 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
- 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:

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How to contact us

If you have any pain in your neck chest or abdomen, vomiting, fever or signs of bleeding, please contact the Urgent Endoscopy Advice Line (24 hour).

Tel: **01865 741 166** – ask to bleep **6825**

Let us know your views

Comments about your experience can be emailed to:
endoscopy@ouh.nhs.uk

Or you can write to:

Endoscopy Sister
Endoscopy Department
Level 2
John Radcliffe Hospital
Headley Way
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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 **PALS@ouh.nhs.uk**

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