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Patient information

Outpatient ERCP Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangio Pancreatography

Digestive Disease Care Group

You have had your bile ducts and/or pancreatic ducts examined using X-rays. The nurse or doctor will have explained to you exactly what has been examined and if any treatment has been undertaken.

Minor post procedure symptoms

You may experience a sore throat. This sometimes lasts a couple of days but more commonly passes off after a couple of hours.

Stomach ache is most likely due to the air that is introduced into the stomach during the procedure and will pass in its own time. You may feel discomfort under your breastbone due to the tube that has been passed.

Serious post procedure signs and symptoms

If you experience any severe pain in your abdomen, chest and neck this could be due to bleeding from a small operation that may have been necessary as part of the examination or a perforation (a small hole made in the lining of your small bowel, stomach or oesophagus (food pipe). You are advised to attend your nearest Accident and Emergency Department as soon as possible taking this information leaflet with you so as to let them know what treatment you have had.

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You must not leave the unit until your escort has arrived, you have had a drink, been given information and the nurse has discharged you.

For 24 hours you must not

- Travel alone.
- Drive or ride any vehicle.
- Operate machinery (including domestic appliances such as a kettle).
- Climb ladders.
- Make important decisions, sign any business or legal documents.
- Drink alcohol.
- Return to work within 12 hours of treatment. Your general health and any medicines you are taking may increase the time you need off work.

You should

- Take it easy for the rest of the day, avoid strenuous activity.
- Take your medications as usual.
- Let someone else care for anyone you usually look after, such as children or elderly or sick relatives.

A full report will be sent to your family doctor (GP).

Follow up appointment

You may be given a follow up appointment to see your Consultant in the clinic or one will be posted to you if you have not already got one.

Feedback

Your feedback is important to us and helps us influence care in the future.

Following your discharge from hospital or attendance at your outpatient appointment you will receive a text asking if you would recommend our service to others. Please take the time to text back, you will not be charged for the text and can opt out at any point. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Further information

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the Gastroenterology Unit during the following hours:

Monday – Thursday	0800 – 2100 hrs
Friday	0800 – 1700 hrs
Saturday/Sunday/BH	0800 – 1600 hrs

Tel: 0151 706 2656

Text phone number: 18001 0151 706 2656

Clinic appointment enquiries

Tel: 0151 706 5555

Text phone number: 18001 0151 706 5555

The Emergency Department (A&E) is open 24 hours

Tel: 0151 706 2051/2050.

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