



Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatograph

Post Procedure Advice

After your procedure:

- **Do not eat or drink for 4 hours post procedure.** Thereafter, **fluids can then be started for 6 hours (still no solid food)** and we recommend starting with water.
- You may continue your normal medications once you are able to drink. However, if you have been advised to stop a blood thinning medication, a nurse will let you know before you leave when it is safe to start taking it again.
- It is advisable that you avoid large rich meals for the day following your ERCP.

If you have had sedation, for the following 24 hours:

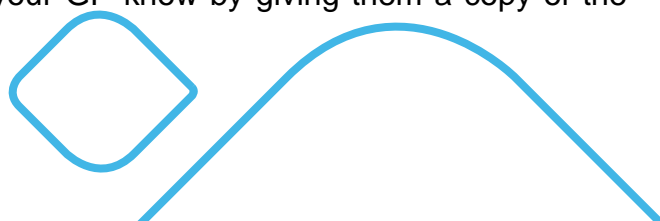
- You cannot legally drive.
- You must not use or operate machinery and electrical appliances.
- You must not drink alcohol.
- You should not sign any important documents or papers that you may not want to agree to at a later time.
- You must not look after anyone who needs your help to manage, such as young children or older members of the family.
- You must have someone to supervise you at home and accompany you during your discharge from the hospital.

You may experience:

- Slight abdominal (tummy) discomfort immediately following the procedure. This can be alleviated by moving around and passing wind.
- A mild sore throat which usually resolves within 24 hours; taking throat lozenges can help.

Follow Up:

- If biopsies have been taken, you will be informed with the results either at your outpatient appointment, or in a letter. We will also let your GP know by giving them a copy of the letter.



Please seek medical help straight away if you develop any of the following symptoms:

- Severe abdominal (tummy) pain and/or vomiting.
- Rectal (back passage) bleeding, black tarry stools or vomiting blood.
- A high temperature and/or 'flu like' symptoms.
- Redness, pain and/or swelling at the site where you had a cannula if you had sedation.

On Monday to Friday between 08.00 and 18.00 please call the endoscopy department on 01225 821425 or 01225 821788.

Out of hours please call 01225 824430 to speak to a nurse for advice.

If in doubt, go straight to the nearest emergency department or call NHS 111.

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