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Radiology Department

Information for Patients

This leaflet explains what to expect after your CT colonography scan

You can return to your normal eating and drinking pattern after your examination. We recommend that you drink plenty of fluids for the following 2-3 days.

Although the carbon dioxide used to inflate your bowel is absorbed quite quickly following the procedure some minor abdominal discomfort may remain for 1-2 hours. Returning to your normal diet and moving around will help to ease any remaining discomfort. Simple painkillers, such as paracetamol may be taken if you wish.

However, please seek urgent medical advice explaining that you have had this procedure, if you experience any of the following symptoms over the next 4 days:

- Severe abdominal pain
- Increasingly painful abdominal discomfort
- Sweating and nausea
- Feeling generally unwell
- Vomiting

You may have been given an injection (Buscopan) during your examination to relax the muscles of the bowel wall. Blurring of your vision can be a side effect of this injection. This is usually short lived (about 30mins), but please make sure your vision has returned to normal before driving.

You are advised to seek medical help if you develop painful, blurred vision within 48 hours of this test as, in very rare cases, this injection can cause a flare up of an underlying condition called Glaucoma.

The Doctor who asked us to perform your test will usually receive the results within 10-14 days. If it was your GP who asked for the test, you need to contact them for the results in approximately 2 weeks. If it was a Doctor in the hospital who asked for the test, they will contact you with a follow-up appointment.