

After your Oesophageal Stent

You have had a Oesophageal Stent inserted, and are unlikely to suffer any serious side effects. You may have a sore throat, and you may experience a slight blood loss on coughing or blowing your nose. You may also experience some chest/epigastric pain in the few hours following the procedure.

Following your recovery period not less than 4 hours, you would have been offered sips of water.

If sips of water are tolerated. Please follow these instructions:

- You may gradually increase to free fluids until the following day.
- The following day, if fluids are tolerated, you can commence a soft diet (i.e. Porridge, Weetabix).

If this is tolerated you will be allowed home later that day.

Before you are discharged, you will be seen by the Dietitian and Upper GI Nurse.

Discharge Home

You will be able to go home once a nurse has ensured you are ready to do so. The nurse will discuss any discharge advice and any future appointments with you.

Please remember that you have had sedation, so **for 24 hours:**

- Do not drive or use public transport, someone should be available to stay with you for 24 hours.



- Do not operate machinery.
- Do not sign any legal documents or make any important decisions.
- Do not take sleeping tablets on the same night as the procedure.
- Do not smoke for four hours, as your reactions will be much slower.
- Take care near the oven and kettle.

You are advised to rest for the remainder of the day. You should be able to return to work after 24 hours.

Contact Details

If you need any further advice between the hours of 8.00am - 6.30pm, (Monday to Friday) please contact the Endoscopy Unit where you have had your procedure done on the telephone numbers below:

Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Tel: 01302 381424

Upper GI CNS, Tel: 01302 553115 (Monday to Friday)

Alternatively, contact your General Practitioner. If you need urgent advice out of hours, please contact Accident & Emergency on the telephone numbers below:

Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Tel: 01302 366666 Ext. 3131

Bassetlaw Hospital, Tel: 01909 5002048/5002148

Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS staff are available to offer advice or information on healthcare matters. The office is in the Main Foyer (Gate 4) of Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Contact can be made either in person, by telephone or email. PALS staff can also visit inpatients on all Trust sites.

The contact details are:

Telephone: 01302 553140 or 0800 028 8059

Email: pals.dbh@dbh.nhs.uk.

