

# Patient information

## Post Procedure Advice following Bronchoscopy

Following your examination today you are advised to go home and rest.

If your procedure was carried out with a conscious sedative injection or a general anaesthetic, it is important for the next 24 hours **you do not:**

**Drive a car/motorbike or ride a bicycle**  
**Operate any domestic appliances or machinery**  
**Look after young children alone**

**Sign any legal documents**  
**Drink alcohol**  
**Take sleeping tablets**

One of the effects of sedation is that you may not remember having the procedure, this is normal.

A responsible adult should stay with you for 12 hours following your procedure if you have been given sedation.

### How will I feel after the procedure?

Your nose and throat may feel a little sore for a short period of time after your bronchoscopy. You are likely to cough more than usual until the effects of the bronchoscopy have worn off. If your procedure was carried out with sedation you may feel sleepy for the remainder of the day.

You can eat and drink as normal and take your usual medications.

### When should I seek help/advice?

Serious side effects are rare however if any of the following occur within 48 hours after your bronchoscopy, consult a doctor immediately by attending your nearest Emergency Department:

- **Excessive shortness of breath (if not relieved by your usual inhalers/medications)**
- **Coughing up large volumes of blood**
- **Chest pains or fast heart rate**
- **Fever**
- **Cyanosis (bluish discoloration of skin)**

### Conquest Hospital contact numbers:

**Endoscopy Unit – Tel: 0300 131 5297**

Monday to Friday – 8:00am to 6:00pm (except bank holidays).

Respiratory Secretaries – Monday to Friday – 8.30am to 4.30pm – Tel: 0300 131 4500 ext. 734835 / 734836 / 734837.

### Eastbourne District General Hospital contact numbers:

**Endoscopy Unit – Tel: 0300 131 4595**

Monday to Friday – 8:00am to 6:00pm (except bank holidays).

Respiratory Secretaries – Monday to Friday – 8.30am to 4.30pm – Tel: 0300 131 4814 / 0300 131 4815 / 0300 131 4816.

Alternatively, ring NHS 111 if you have non serious concerns outside departmental hours.

## When can I return to work?

You should be able to resume normal activities 24 hours after discharge from hospital, although you may still have some discomfort for a few days.

## Sources of information

NHS Website - [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

## Important information

The information in this leaflet is for guidance purposes only and is not provided to replace professional clinical advice from a qualified practitioner.

## Your comments

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## Hand hygiene

We are committed to maintaining a clean, safe environment. Hand hygiene is very important in controlling infection. Alcohol gel is widely available at the patient bedside for staff use and at the entrance of each clinical area for visitors to clean their hands before and after entering.

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After reading this information are there any questions you would like to ask? Please list below and ask your nurse or doctor.

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## Reference

The following clinicians have been consulted and agreed this patient information:

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## Endoscopy Discharge Report:

- ☐ You will be sent an outpatient appointment.
- ☐ You will be sent an appointment for a CT scan / MRI.
- ☐ You will be sent an appointment to have this procedure again in approximately..... weeks.
- ☐ Biopsies/ brushings have been taken which will take approximately .....weeks to be analysed by the histopathology department. Results will be sent to your consultant who will contact you or arrange a follow up appointment.
- ☐ You have been referred to a Clinical Nurse Specialist
- ☐ You have been given an information leaflet.
- ☐ You have been spoken to by an endoscopist/nurse regarding the results of your procedure.
- ☐ You can begin to eat and drink as normal from.....

If you have any further questions, please ask a member of the nursing staff who will be happy to explain anything you are unclear about.

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