

Information for patients and carers

Discharge Information Following Sedation

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Patient advice following the administration of sedation

You have had a procedure today under sedation, the effects of which stay in your system for up to 24 hours. It is essential that you follow this advice for this period:

You **MUST NOT**:

- Drive-your co-ordination and judgement may be affected, **and your insurance would be invalidated**. Please contact your insurance company for specific stipulations
- Operate machinery or electrical equipment (including household appliances)
- Resume work - Please ask for specific advice
- Drink alcohol - It is not advisable to mix drugs and alcohol
- Smoke - There is an increased possibility of headaches, nausea and faintness
- Sign any legal or binding documents as your judgement may be impaired

You **MUST**:

- Have a responsible adult to escort you home and supervise you overnight, as your judgement and co-ordination may be affected
- Spend the rest of the day quietly at home
- Make suitable arrangements for the care of small children, for whom you are responsible, for the next 24 hours
- Take diet and fluids as advised/instructed
- Take your regular evening medication (please seek advice from the department if you take sleeping tablets)

Contact details

Should you require further advice or information please contact your referring team or you can contact us in Interventional Radiology between 8.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, on 01772 522343.

Sources of further information

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.patient.co.uk

www.accessable.co.uk

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Please ask a member of staff if you would like help in understanding this information.

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