

Information for patients and carers

Discharge following a Colonoscopy



Patient's name: _____

Date: _____

Sedation: Yes / No

Entonox: Yes / No

Drugs given: _____

For 24 hours after the sedation you must not:

- Drive a car/vehicle
- Operate machinery
- Drink alcohol
- Sign legally binding documents

Please ensure you have a responsible adult with you for the next 24 hours.

At the discretion of the nursing staff, you may be able to drive home 30 minutes after using Entonox.

You can eat and drink as normal from now.

You may experience wind type pains, but this should settle when you start moving around.

It may take 2 – 3 days for your bowel movements to return to normal.

If you have had a polypectomy, please:

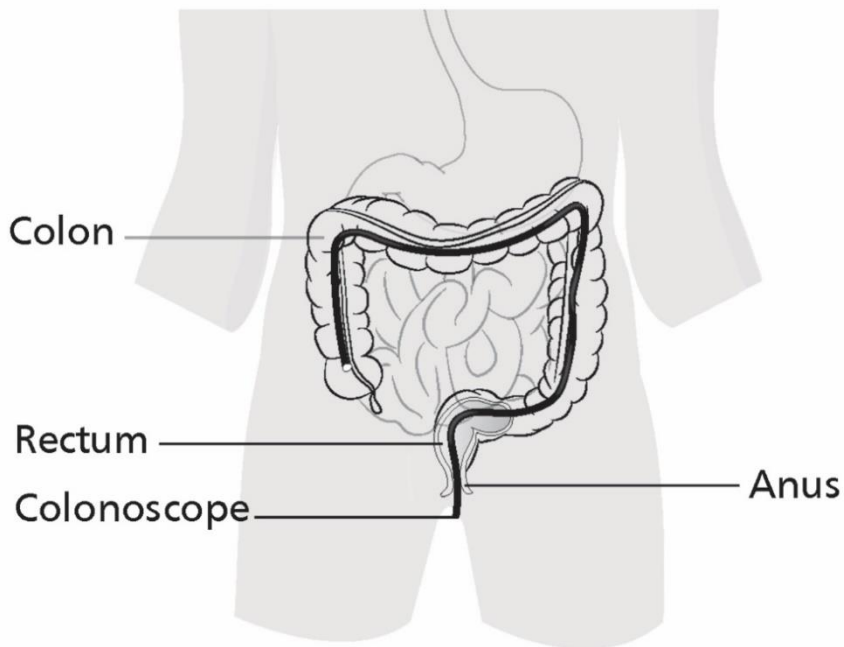
- Be aware that you may notice blood in the toilet or on the tissue paper
- Watch for increased pain in your abdomen
- Watch for any raised temperature

If your pain becomes worse, you experience any heavy bleeding, are passing blood clots or if you experience any severe pain or distention in your lower abdomen, or a raised temperature, you must contact one of the telephone numbers on the following page.

Results of your examination:

If you have access to the internet, you can visit www.gutscharity.org.uk for further information on certain colorectal conditions.

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Follow up:

If you have had any samples taken today your consultant will let you know the results within 8-10 weeks or contact your GP.

Contact details

For further advice or information please contact:

Endoscopy - Preston 01772 524958 (08:00 – 18:00 Monday – Friday)

Endoscopy - Chorley 01257 245649 (08:00 – 18:00 Monday – Friday)

Out of hours please ring **Gastroenterology ward on 01772 522319**

After 24 hours please contact your GP or local Emergency Department if you have any concerns.

Sources of further information

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.accessable.co.uk

www.patient.co.uk

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/veteran-aware

www.gutscharity.org.uk

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

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