

Advice after a gastroscopy or endoscopic ultrasound (EUS)

Endoscopy Department

Information for Patients

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If you have had sedative medicine:

For 12 hours you should:

be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For 24 hours:

- do not drive a car or ride a bicycle
- do not drink alcohol
- do not operate any machinery or do anything which needs skill or judgement
- do not make important decisions or sign any documents
- do not climb ladders
- do not return to work until after this period of time

General advice

- Go home and rest
- You must not eat or drink anything for 45 minutes after the local anaesthetic throat spray. Your throat will be numb and there is a risk of choking

Do not eat or drink until:

- The back of your throat may feel sore for the rest of the day
- You may feel a little bloated for the rest of the day if some air has stayed in your stomach; this will pass
- If you have any concerns, please contact your GP or the Endoscopy Department you attended

Health information and support is available at www.nhs.uk or call 111 for non-emergency medical advice

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When to seek help

Go to your nearest Emergency Department immediately if you have any of the following (this is especially important if you are taking immunosuppressant drugs e.g. steroids, azathioprine, cyclophosphamide or methotrexate):

- Severe tummy (abdominal) pain
- Severe chest pain
- Vomiting blood
- Passing red or tarry black poo (stool)
- A fever with or without shivering

Endoscopy Department contact details

Leicester General Hospital: 0116 258 4357

Leicester Royal Infirmary: 0116 258 6997

Glenfield Hospital: 0116 258 3130 or 0116 258 3166

Hinckley and District Hospital: 01455 441970
Loughborough Hospital: 01509 564406
Melton Mowbray Hospital: 01664 854904

St Luke's Hospital Market Harborough: 01858 448344

If the department is closed and your GP is unavailable, you can contact the NHS helpline on 111 or ward 42 at Leicester Royal Infirmary on 0116 2586284.

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