



PATIENT INFORMATION

**WARD ONE KTC DISCHARGE
FOLLOWING SURGERY**



Recovering from a general anaesthetic

The general anaesthetic that you have had will remain in your system for the next 24 hours. Therefore you must be accompanied home by a responsible adult and have someone over the age of 18 with you for this time.

For 24 hours after your operation, please do not:

- Drink any alcohol/ take sleeping tablets
- Operate heavy machinery
- Make important decisions or sign legal documents
- Drive

Do:

- Drink fluid and eat a light diet
- Take it easy on the day of the operation and longer if recommended
- Take time off work if advised to do so
- Follow wound care instructions given by discharging nurse
- Take any prescribed medication. Please confirm instructions for blood thinners with your nurse before discharge.

Recovering from a local anaesthetic

Your local anaesthetic will wear off shortly following your procedure. Please ensure you take pain killers regularly if required. We advise that you:

- Keep taking pain killers regularly if required
- Take plenty of fluids to avoid constipation due to pain killers
- Follow wound care instructions given by discharging nurse

Recovering from Spinal Anaesthetic

Before you are discharged, the nurse looking after you will make sure you have:

- Normal sensation in your legs and buttocks.
- Be able to straight leg raise off the bed.
- You will be able to stand and mobilise with no ill effect.
- You will be able to void urine normally.

When home you should take any painkillers prescribed as necessary.

You will be given an information sheet with phone numbers as a point of contact if you have any concerns.

You will have a follow up phone call within 24 hours from the ward.

Medication

Please continue your regular medication unless advised not to by your nurse or doctor. You will be discharged from hospital with any required medication. Paracetamol and Ibuprofen will not be prescribed, as you are expected to have a supply at home.

You will need to obtain repeat prescriptions from your GP surgery, should you require them. It is important to take medication regularly, as directed, to keep your pain controlled.

Last Medication

Below is a list of medication you have had during your admission and when you will be able to take your next dose.

Medication	Last dose	Next dose

Wound care

Your wound has been close with glue/absorbable/non-absorbable sutures.

These **do/ do not** require removal.

Your sutures need to be removed on .../.../... by

Please arrange an appointment on discharge to have them removed.

Please remove your dressing on .../.../...

You **do/ do not** need your wound re- dressed on .../.../...

Extra dressings will be supplied if required.

Your dressing **is/ is not** waterproof. Please discuss bathing options with your nurse.

If you have a drain, this will be removed by On .../.../.../...

The person responsible for monitoring the drain is who can be contacted on

Mobility

It is advised for you to mobilise as much as you are able.

You are required to wear anti- embolic stockings for

You will be informed of any restrictions or instructions regarding your mobility prior to discharge.

Follow up appointment

You **Do/ Do not** need to see the consultant or their team again.

You will need to see the consultant or a member of their team in

This appointment will be sent to you in the post after discharge.

If you have had a **biopsy** taken, you will receive a written letter with the results.

Symptoms which may cause concern

- Bleeding from wound site which is more than expected
- Swelling or discolouration of the skin
- Swelling in any limbs, especially if it is hot to touch
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain

If you experience any of the above symptoms, which aren't explained by your procedure, please call 111 or attend your nearest accident and emergency.

You can also contact Ward One on :01562 826350 / 01562 512356

If you require speciality advice, or need advice out of Ward One hours, you can also contact:

Breast Care Nurses- - KTC EXT – 53866 / WRH EXT-36711

General Surgery- Ward 18- 01527 512106

Urology Surgery- Ward 10- 01527 512101

Emergency Gynae Assessment Unit- 01905 761489

Orthopaedic Surgery- Ward 16- 01527 512104

Ophthalmology (Eyes)- 01527 507915 (09:00- 17:00) OR 111

Eye patients can also contact **Birmingham eye hospital** for advice on 0121 507 4440

Interventional radiology- 01527 512099

If your symptoms or condition worsens, or if you are concerned about anything, please call your GP, 111, or 999.

Patient Experience

We know that being admitted to hospital can be a difficult and unsettling time for you and your loved ones. If you have any questions or concerns, please do speak with a member of staff on the ward or in the relevant department who will do their best to answer your questions and reassure you.

Feedback

Feedback is really important and useful to us – it can tell us where we are working well and where improvements can be made. There are lots of ways you can share your experience with us including completing our Friends and Family Test – cards are available and can be posted on all wards, departments and clinics at our hospitals. We value your comments and feedback and thank you for taking the time to share this with us.

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

If you have any concerns or questions about your care, we advise you to talk with the nurse in charge or the department manager in the first instance as they are best placed to answer any questions or resolve concerns quickly. If the relevant member of staff is unable to help resolve your concern, you can contact the PALS Team. We offer informal help, advice or support about any aspect of hospital services & experiences.

Our PALS team will liaise with the various departments in our hospitals on your behalf, if you feel unable to do so, to resolve your problems and where appropriate refer to outside help.

If you are still unhappy you can contact the Complaints Department, who can investigate your concerns. You can make a complaint orally, electronically or in writing and we can advise and guide you through the complaints procedure.

How to contact PALS:

Telephone Patient Services: 0300 123 1732 or via email at: wah-tr.PET@nhs.net

Opening times:

The PALS telephone lines are open Monday to Thursday from 8.30am to 4.30pm and Friday: 8.30am to 4.00pm. Please be aware that a voicemail service is in use at busy times, but messages will be returned as quickly as possible.

If you are unable to understand this leaflet, please communicate with a member of staff.