

## Introduction

This information is a reminder of information that you should have already received. It is for people who have just had an ERCP test.

It can be made available on request in alternative formats and in other languages to meet the needs of those who are not fluent in English.

## What happens after my test?

You will return to the ward in your bed. You will be quite drowsy. The nurses will observe you. They will advise you when you can eat and drink, and when you can go home.

There are certain things you must not do while you are drowsy from the sedative. Your nurses will advise you.

Before you leave, we will explain your results and what happens next. We send similar information to your GP/consultant.

## Aftercare

If any of the following happen within 48 hours after your ERCP, you need to seek help:

- chest or abdominal/tummy pain that becomes more severe, and is different or more intense than any pains that you would 'usually' have
- breathing difficulties
- fever (raised temperature)
- vomiting blood
- passing very black stools.

If this is after you leave hospital, contact us on this number, between 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday:

Contact your GP or nearest A&E department outside these hours.

Say you have had an ERCP.

If you have a persistent sore throat, contact your GP and tell them you have had an ERCP.

This leaflet is for general information only and is not a substitute for professional medical advice. Every effort is taken to ensure that this information is accurate and consistent with current knowledge and practice at the time of publication.

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