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**Endoscopy Unit**  
Frimley Park Hospital



<b>Contact details:</b>	
Endoscopy unit nurses station	01276 526045 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays
Surgical Assessment Unit (SAU)	01276 526960 24 hours a day 7 days a week

**Discharge information for patients after Colonoscopy**

□ **You have had IV sedation, therefore you must:**

- have a responsible adult to care for you at home
- **not** drink alcohol
- **not** drive a vehicle, operate heavy machinery or sign any legal documentation for 24 hours
- have plenty of rest at home, as the sedative can make you feel tired and lethargic.

□ **You have had Entonox (gas and air) only**

- If you have Entonox on its own for pain relief, you must wait at least 30 minutes in the department for observation. After this time period, you are legally permitted to drive.
- You do not have to take any special precautions as its effects are short acting.

□ **How will my doctor get my procedure report?**

- We will post a copy of your endoscopy report to your GP and/or the doctor who has referred you for this procedure within one working day.

□ **How will I know the result of my biopsy/tissue sample?**

- This depends on what kind of biopsy/tissue sample has been taken.
- The laboratory sends a report of any sample taken during the procedure to your GP and/or the doctor who referred you for this procedure directly via a electronic reporting system. The endoscopy unit does not receive any reports.

□ **You have had an endoclip or loop applied to prevent bleeding**

- In 5–10 days you may see a small metal or plastic object in your stool – this is normal.

□ **After your procedure**

- you may experience mild bloating and cramping wind pains due to the air that has been introduced into your bowel. This normally settles within a few hours but, if not, peppermint tea and walking about may help.
- you may notice some spotting of blood on the toilet and/or tissue which will settle.
- you can eat and drink normally.
- the procedure, especially the preparation, can flare up haemorrhoids and cause bright rectal bleeding.
- if blue dye was used in the procedure, it may show up in the bowel motions in the first 24 hours post procedure.
- occasionally, constipation might occur post procedure.
- you should restart your medications on the day of your procedure unless otherwise instructed. Talk to your doctor before restarting blood thinners or antiplatelet medicine.

□ **You have had polyp/s removed during your Colonoscopy:**

**Removing polyps increases the risk of perforation. If you notice:**

- **large amounts of bright red blood or black motions**
- **severe pain in your neck, chest or abdomen**
- **hard tummy**
- **dizziness**
- **fever**
- **vomiting**
- **or you are unable to pass flatulence or stool**

**the Endoscopy Unit nurses are available for advice on 01276 526045 from 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday-Friday.**

**Outside these hours and for up to 4 weeks after discharge, you can contact the Surgical Assessment Unit (SAU) on 01276 526960. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

**In an emergency, please attend nearest Emergency Department. You must bring your endoscopy report back with you to show to the doctor/nurse.**