



PATIENT INFORMATION

General Discharge Advice after a Laparoscopic / Robotic Procedure

You can expect some swelling or bruising at the wound site(s) this is not unusual and there will be some discomfort and tenderness where the incision(s) have been made. You may also see some slight weeping of wounds.

Pain in the shoulders is common, especially the right shoulder. This is caused by the gas that is used to inflate the abdomen – this should settle within 24 hours

If, however, you experience any on the following problems you should seek medical advice:

- You have abdominal pain or swelling that gets worse
- Shoulder tip pain that gets progressively worse
- Fever, shaking or chills or other signs of fever
- If your wounds begins to bleed heavily – more than just a slight weep
- If your wounds becomes red, swollen or if you feel you have a temperature
- Persistent vomiting with the inability to tolerate food and fluids
- Constipation for more than three days
- Inability to pass urine
- Severe pain in either calf or leg or sudden onset shortness of breath or chest pain

For gynaecological surgery all of the above and also including

- Offensive smelling vaginal discharge
- Excess vaginal bleeding

If any of these occur please use the contact numbers you were given.

If you had your operation at the **Day Surgery Unit** please phone:

Between the hours of 8am – 8pm Monday – Friday 01803 654055. Outside of these hours please contact the hospital switchboard and ask for the surgical bleep holder, bleep 110.

For Ward based operations please ring the appropriate number between the hours of 8am – 8pm Monday – Friday

If you had your operation on **Forrest Ward** please ring 01803 655507

If you had your operation on **Cromie Ward** please ring 01803 655505

If you had your operation on **Allerton Ward** please ring 01803 655503

If you had been advised to ring the Specialist Nurse please use the numbers below between the hours of 9am to 5pm

Laparoscopic Specialist Nurse: Tel. (6)54792 or ring switchboard 01803 614567 and ask for Bleep 414

Enhanced Recovery Practitioner Nurse: Ring switchboard 01803 614567 and ask for Bleep 296

Outside of these hours please contact the hospital switchboard and ask for the surgical bleep holder, bleep 110.