
Ely Day Surgery Unit at

The Princess of Wales Hospital, Ely

Preparing for your Surgery

It is very important that your stomach is empty before your operation. On the day of your operation you must:

Stop eating and drinking (including chewing gum) at
You may continue to drink **water only** until

Checklist

- Make up and nail varnish need to be removed before your appointment. Please leave all jewellery and body piercing at home.
- You may bring a dressing gown, slippers and toiletries with you.
- Please wear comfortable, loose fitting clothes and low heeled shoes.
- Please do not bring large sums of money or jewellery with you as we are unable to accept any responsibility for loss or damage to your property.
- You must arrange for a responsible adult to accompany you home, and to stay with you for 24 hours following your operation. You must contact the unit if you are unable to arrange this.
- Remember to bring all your regular medicines with you, including your GP prescription.
- If you have a medicines exemption card, please bring it with you.
- Please make sure you have a supply of paracetamol or ibuprofen tablets at home for pain relief. You will be prescribed additional pain relief if required.
- If you require a sick leave certificate, please inform the nurse on admission.

What will happen on the day?

- When you arrive you will meet your nurses who will prepare you for surgery and anaesthesia. You will then meet your surgeon and anaesthetist. You will be asked to complete a questionnaire and consent form.
- **Please be aware that your appointment time is not the time of your surgery, and a wait will be involved.**
- After your operation, you will wake in the recovery area, and then be taken to the ward.
- After most patients are ready to enjoy a cup of tea before going home.
- If necessary you will be prescribed pain killing tablets to take.

- Arrangements will be made for any follow-up treatment you may require.
- Post-operative information will be given to you before leaving the day surgery unit.

Discharge

- The average day surgery stay is half a day but discharge times may vary according to the nature of your operation and sometimes there are unforeseen delays. To arrange a collection time escorts are advised to phone 01353 652279. We also need a contact number for your escort home.
- You will be discharged from the Day Surgery Unit on the same day as your operation.
- **You must not** use public transport or drive yourself home.

Aftercare

- It is important to rest for a few days after your operation, especially if nausea or dizziness occurs.
- For 24 hours after your operation you **must not**: Drive any vehicle, operate machinery (including cookers, kettles and irons), drink alcohol, take sleeping tablets.
- **Avoid making important decisions.**
- You should not return to work on the day following your operation. It may be necessary to stay at home longer depending on the type of operation.
- If you are worried about your condition, please contact your General Practitioner first.
- We may contact you the day after your surgery to check how you are and for audit purposes.

Contact details:

- Telephone enquiries: 01223 216288 (Cambridge)
- Patient collection: 01353 652279 (Ely)

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