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Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Ward L5

Patient Discharge Information

Hydradenitis

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Discharge information

You will be discharged from hospital approximately four to seven days after your operation.

Depending on where your wound is situated you may be discharged with a dressing intact or your wound may be left exposed. You will need to see your practice nurse for wound review in approximately one week post discharge. It is your responsibility to make this appointment.

Showering and bathing activities should be discussed with your consultant.

An appointment will be sent to you in the post to attend the outpatients department in approximately two to four weeks time to see your consultant or a member of his team.

Depending on your type of work it is recommended you have approximately two to four weeks off work. The ward can issue you with a sick certificate upon request or you can obtain one from your GP.

Discharge advice

Pain relief – Some discomfort after surgery is to be expected. You may have been given painkillers on discharge. Continue taking these as instructed on the packet. If you did not receive painkillers on discharge, it may be because you did not require any at that time. In this situation, if you do require pain relief paracetamol is advised.

Driving – You should avoid driving for four to six weeks. You should check with your insurance company to confirm your insurance remains valid.

Household chores – You are advised to refrain from any heavy pulling and pushing and such activities as vacuuming, pushing shopping trolleys and hanging out washing. These activities need to be re-introduced gradually.

Complications

It is important for you to be aware of the signs and symptoms of wound infection. These may include

- Redness
- Swelling
- Fever
- Wound discharge
- Pain that is not relieved by your normal pain killers or gets steadily worse.

If any of these symptoms occur, contact your GP or Ward L5 on **01223 348503** for advice. If an infection does occur antibiotics may be prescribed.