



RIG tube removal and balloon gastrostomy tube insertion aftercare advice

This leaflet gives you advice following removal of your RIG tube and a balloon gastrostomy tube insertion.

After removal of your RIG tube and insertion of your balloon gastrostomy

Today you have had a radiologically inserted gastrostomy (RIG) tube removed and replaced with a balloon gastrostomy tube. Water was withdrawn from your RIG tube and the tube was removed from your stomach. A bigger gastrostomy tube was lubricated and inserted in to the space where the previous tube was. You may have experienced some discomfort, which is why we asked you to take some paracetamol two hours before your appointment time. Please continue to take pain relief over the next 24-48 hours as required. You are unlikely to have any serious side effects but please be aware of the following:

- The site might feel a bit sore
- You may have some bleeding

What to look out for

Serious side effects from this procedure are rare; however, look out for:

- Excessive bleeding
- Infection (oozing, redness or soreness, high temperature)

If you experience any of the above, please contact your GP immediately, informing them that you have had a RIG tube removed and a balloon gastrostomy inserted.

Contact numbers

Enteral Nutrition Clinical Nurse Specialists: Sarah Lupai / Olivia Bentley-Kydd

Tel: 0118 322 8342 or Email: rbft.gastrostomyreferrals@nhs.net or Mobile: 07826 921372 / 07385 938953. Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. Outside of these hours, contact Sidmouth Ward on 0118 322 7468.

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