

## ERCP aftercare advice for patients

Today you have had an Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangio Pancreatography (ERCP) – an examination of your biliary and pancreatic system.

There are some potential side effects:

- You may feel drowsy for several hours.
- Your throat may feel slightly sore for a few hours.
- You may also feel a little bloated if some air used in the procedure has been left inside.

These things will pass and there is no need for any medication.

- You must not operate machinery, drink alcohol or sign any legal documents until the next day. You must not drive for 24 hours.
- You may eat and drink normally on your return home.

Serious side effects from this procedure are very uncommon; however, if you have any problems with:

- A persistent sore throat
- Worsening chest or
- Abdominal pain
- Fever/shaking/sweating – generally feeling very unwell

Please contact your GP immediately, informing them that you have had an ERCP procedure.

### Contact information – up to 48 hours after your procedure

- Contact the Endoscopy Unit during office hours (9:00am-5:00pm) on telephone number 0118 322 7458 / 7459.
- Out of office hours and at weekends, please ring Sidmouth Ward on 0118 322 7469.

### Further information

More information is available on the Trust website: [www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk](http://www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk)

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