CT Colonoscopy - Aftercare

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Once your CT Colonoscopy examination is completed, you may find the following information useful:

The images will be examined by a Radiologist or Specialist Radiographer, who will send a report of the results to the person who referred you for this test.

For hospital outpatient department referrals – You will get the results at your next Out Patient appointment or you will receive a letter in due course. If you have any concerns then please contact your referrer's secretary via switchboard 01493 452452

You may return to your normal diet and medication.

The diarrhoea caused by the Gastrografin preparation you took before the examination may have resulted in slight dehydration. To reduce this effect you are advised to drink plenty of fluids over the next 24 hours.

If you experience painful red eyes over the next 24 hours, this could be a reaction to the anti-spasmodic injection Hyoscine Butlybromide (buscopan) that you may have been given during the examination. Contact your GP immediately. If your surgery is closed, go to the Emergency Department (please take this leaflet with you).

Some patients will experience abdominal pain over the next 24 hours due to trapped wind. Please contact your GP if the pain does not settle after this period.

Advice for patients with diabetes:

- Take your insulin or other medication as advised in the information leaflet.
- Monitor your blood glucose, if you have the equipment to do so, 4 times per day. You should test more frequently if you are unwell, nauseated or vomiting.
- Your blood glucose maybe higher than usual. This is not a concern if you are feeling well.
- If you are feeling unwell (particularly if vomiting and unable to take food or medication, or you have ketones) contact your usual diabetes care provider urgently.

You will be contacted by your Consultant / doctor who referred you with your results.

If you have any queries, you can contact the Radiology Department on:

Telephone: 01493 452260 (9.00 am to 4.30 pm)

E-mail: VirtualCTCService@jpaget.nhs.uk

Please note that emails may not receive an immediate response.

Feedback

We want your visit to be as comfortable as possible. Please talk to the person in charge if you have any concerns. If the ward/ department staff are unable to resolve your concern, please ask for our Patient Advice and Liaison (PALS) information. Please be assured that raising a concern will not impact on your care. Before you leave the hospital you will be asked to complete a Friends and Family Test feedback card. Providing your feedback is vital in helping to transform NHS services and to support patient choice.



The hospital can arrange for an interpreter or person to sign to assist you in communicating effectively with staff during your stay. Please let us know.

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