

Patient information factsheet

Colonoscopy – endoscopic mucosal resection (C3)

You have had a colonoscopy and endoscopic mucosal resection today

A colonoscopy is an examination of your large bowel using a colonoscope (which is a long, flexible tube attached to a small camera and light that is inserted into your rectum and up into your bowel).

An endoscopic mucosal resection is the removal of a polyp (an abnormal growth of tissue) during the colonoscopy. The tissue removed will include a small piece of the lining of the bowel.

As you have had a sedative injection, your physical and mental capabilities may be affected and you may feel drowsy. For your own safety and the safety of others, you should follow the advice below:

- **Do not** drive any type of motor vehicle or ride any type of bicycle for at least 24 hours.
- **Do not** operate any type of electrical or mechanical equipment / machinery for at least 24 hours.
- **Do not** sign any legally binding documents for at least 48 hours.
- **Do not** drink any alcohol for at least 24 hours.
- **You should not be** responsible for young children, disabled or dependent relatives for at least 24 hours.
- Continue to take your normal medication unless you're advised otherwise.
- You can eat as you normally would.
- Rest quietly for the remainder of the day and if possible have someone stay with you overnight.

Patient sticker	Sedation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tick boxes as required
	Biopsies	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Polyps removed	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Diathermy used	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Dye spray	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Mucosal resection	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Advice given by: (signature of nurse)

After the procedure you may experience some windy, cramp-like pains (due to the air we passed through the colonoscope). This is normal and should settle within 24 to 48 hours.

As a result of any specimens taken, or polyps removed, you may pass some blood from your back passage. This is normal and again should settle within 24 to 48 hours.

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If the pain does not settle, or you are at all concerned about your recovery, please contact the endoscopy unit on **023 8120 4392** (9am to 5pm) or your GP.

If you cannot contact either of these or your concern is out-of-hours, please contact the emergency department on: **023 8120 6220**.

If you experience any severe bleeding from your back passage or extreme cramp-like pains in your stomach (abdomen), you must go to your nearest emergency department. Take this sheet with you.

You can get further advice by calling 111.

When you are discharged from the endoscopy unit you should be given:

- a copy of your consent form
- an advice sheet on what you should and shouldn't do
- follow-up advice
- a verbal explanation of what we have done to you today and what we have found
- a prescription if required

If you need to see a GP within the next two weeks, please take this factsheet with you.

If we are arranging an appointment for you to be seen in outpatients, a letter will be sent to you by post. Please ask the nursing staff if you have any questions about your treatment or services within the endoscopy unit.

If you need any further advice not covered here, please contact patient support services on **023 8120 6325** or email **patientsupportservices@uhs.nhs.uk**

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