

Going Home with Cholecystostomy

PERCUTANEOUS CHOLECYSTOSTOMY

Percutaneous cholecystostomy is a minor procedure, in which a temporary tube is placed in the gallbladder under ultrasound guidance in order to decompress an enlarged, inflamed and usually infected gallbladder. This procedure is typically done on patients who are too ill to undergo cholecystectomy (surgical removal of the gallbladder). It is usually performed by a specialist doctor. The thin drainage tube is connected to a catheter bag. The cholecystostomy is securely held in place by stitches to prevent accidental misplacement or pulling the tube out altogether.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT

On your discharge letter there will be a clear plan of what we are expecting to happen after your discharge (either a date for tubogram, tube to be removed or outpatient review by surgical team). Your discharge letter will be sent electronically to your GP. The nurse who will discharge you will teach you how to look after the cholecystostomy, how to secure the drainage bag and how to measure the output. The nurse also refers you to the district nurses in your area. In this referral we will state that you are going to be discharged with the cholecystostomy drain, and we will ask the district nurses to assess the drain, the surrounding skin and also to change the dressing if needed. You will be given the District nurses telephone number in case you have any queries.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Please let us know if:

- The output from your drain suddenly stops
- The output is more than 100mls per day.
- The tube accidentally comes out

If you require any advice or seeking medical assistance please call Surgical Assessment Unit on 01932 722932. You will be able to speak to the nurse in charge who will either be able to advise you or will put you in contact with the on call surgical team.

To help us to speed up the phone call assessments please have your hospital number to hand which is on all correspondence from our hospital.

PATIENT NAME: _____ HOSPITAL No: _____

Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty. If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Experience Team on 01932 723553 or email asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net. If you remain concerned, the team can also advise upon how to make a formal complaint.

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