

Advice for patients after surgery to the scrotal region

Day Surgery Unit Patient Information Leaflet

Introduction

This leaflet is for patients who have had surgery to the scrotal region. It gives advice on what you should do when you get home, and contact information for if you have any problems relating to your procedure.

Advice

1. After your operation, it is normal to experience swelling, tenderness and bruising in your scrotum. For this reason, it is likely we will apply a scrotal support to the wound for your comfort, and to reduce swelling.

Continue to wear the scrotal support, or tight-fitting pants, for five days or until you feel comfortable in your normal pants.

2. If one, or both, of your scrotum appears to have swollen to more than twice the normal size, contact one of the helpline numbers for advice.
3. If the wound bleeds when you go home, do not panic. Sit or lie down and apply firm pressure to the stitch line with a gauze pad for five minutes. The bleeding should stop after five minutes.
If the wound is still bleeding after this time, continue applying pressure and contact us on one of the helpline numbers.
4. You can take the gauze dressing off the day after your operation.
5. The stitches in your wound are dissolvable. It can take between seven to 21 days for them to dissolve.
6. Start having daily baths 24 hours after your operation and continue with these daily baths until the wound is healed.
7. Your operation should not cause you difficulty with passing urine but if you have any problems, contact us on one of the helpline numbers.
8. You can start having sex when it is comfortable to do so and the wound has healed.
9. Remember: everyone recovers differently after surgery, so do not worry if you feel tired and weak for several days. This is quite normal. However, if this lasts for a long time, please see your GP.

If you need a sick note, please ask the nurse who books you in for the procedure.

Helpline numbers

If you have any questions, or if there is anything you do not understand about this leaflet, please speak to a member of staff or contact:

Russells Hall Hospital Day Surgery Unit on
01384 456111 ext. 1886 (7.30am to 8pm, Monday to Friday)

or

Pre-operative Assessment Unit on
01384 456111 ext. 1849 (7am to 7.30pm, Monday to Friday)

Out of these hours, urgent queries: contact Surgical Assessment Unit on 01384 456111 ext. 3359.

Russells Hall Hospital switchboard number: 01384 456111

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