

# Care after a CT scan of your large bowel (CT colonogram)

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Information for Patients

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This leaflet tells you about what happens after your scan, and how to contact us if needed.

You may have had an injection of a medicine called Buscopan as part of the scan. This helps us take clearer pictures during your test or scan.

This leaflet tells you about symptoms and possible side-effects you might get after having the CT scan or Buscopan injection.

## Possible side-effect of Buscopan

**Eye pain (rare).** Rarely, patients who have had Buscopan may get pain in their eyes.

**If you get eye pain in the next 24 hours (1 day), go to your nearest Eye Casualty straight away.** Tell the doctor that you have had a Buscopan injection. Show them this leaflet.

**Eye Casualty in Leicester is at Leicester Royal Infirmary.** It is open:

- **Monday to Friday:** 8.30am to 4.30pm
- **Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays:** 8.30am to 12.30pm

For emergencies outside of these times, go to the main Emergency Department (A&E). They will refer you to the on-call eye team if needed.

If you are not sure if you need to go to Eye Casualty, call the NHS helpline on **111**, or call Eye Casualty at Leicester Royal Infirmary on **0116 258 6273**.

**Blurred vision.** Buscopan can relax the muscles in your eyes. This may cause blurred vision in some patients. This usually only lasts for a short time.

What to do: **Do not drive** until your eyesight returns to normal.

**Dry mouth.** The injection of Buscopan may cause you to have a dry mouth. This will not last long.

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or call 111 for non-emergency medical advice**

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## After the scan

You can eat and drink as usual after the scan. Remember to drink plenty for the rest of the day. This will help to prevent dehydration.

**Tummy pain and bloating:** You may feel pain and bloating (trapped wind) in your tummy. This is from gas that was put into your bowel during the scan. This may last for about 2 hours. Eating and drinking normally will help this to pass.

## When to get urgent help

Go to your nearest Emergency Department (A&E) if you have any of these symptoms in the next 4 days:

- **increasing tummy pain and discomfort**
- **very bad tummy pains**
- **sweating and / or feeling sick (nausea) or feeling generally unwell**



If you have any more queries please phone the Radiology Department on **0116 258 8765 option 3**, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm excluding bank holidays. At other times please contact your GP.

## Results of the scan

- If you were referred from a hospital clinic, the results of this scan will be sent to your hospital consultant. They will then send you an appointment to come back to the clinic or to talk to you over a phone call. You may already know when this appointment is.
- If your GP sent you for this scan, they will get the results. You will be told your results by phone call or letter from your GP.
- If you have come from the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme (BCSP) the results will be sent to the Specialist Screening Practitioner (SSP). They will contact you.

Your report will go on the NHS App after an inbuilt delay. Your GP or hospital doctor may have your report before you. These reports are medically technical reports. They are written for the referrer to help to make a diagnosis and pick treatment options. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your referring clinician.

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