

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

Department of Radiology

Information for Patients

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Important information

Your examination is now finished. This leaflet tells you about what happens next and how to contact us if needed. As part of the scan you may have been given an injection of a medicine called Buscopan. Buscopan helps to relax the muscles of the bowel so that we can get clearer scan pictures. This leaflet tells you about symptoms you might get after having the CT scan or injection of Buscopan.

Possible symptoms from the Buscopan injection

Eye pain: Rarely, patients who have had Buscopan may get pain in their eyes. **If you have any pain in your eyes in the next 24 hours, go to your nearest eye casualty straight away.** Tell the doctor that you have had an injection of Buscopan and show them this leaflet.

In Leicester the Eye Casualty department 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. Outside these times go to the main Emergency Department (A&E).

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

Blurred vision: Buscopan can cause the muscles of your eyes to become relaxed as well as the muscles of your bowel. This may cause blurred vision in some patients. If your vision is blurred, this usually only lasts for a short time. **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.

Health information and support is available at www.nhs.uk
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 from air 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.

Please 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**
- **Severe tummy pains**
- **Sweating and / or feeling sick (nausea) or feeling generally unwell**

If you have any further 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

The results of this scan will be sent to your consultant in the outpatient department.

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 and 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.

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