Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends and carers.

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Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the pros and cons of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?

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Why am I having this treatment?
Platelet rich plasma, (PRP) is a new treatment used to encourage wounds to the skin to heal quicker. By taking the healing products found in patients own blood and placing them directly into the wound we can accelerate the healing process.

What is PRP?
Platelet rich plasma, (PRP) is the plasma part of blood with concentrated platelets. The platelets are there to help the body repair itself. The concentrated platelets found in PRP contain growth factors that are vital to initiating and accelerating tissue repair and regeneration by stimulating the healing process.

How does PRP treatment work?
Blood will be taken by the nurse and used to extract the platelets (see picture 1). It is placed in a machine called a centrifuge, (see picture 2). This spins at high speed causing the blood to separate the different types of blood cells. The nurse will extract the platelet rich part of the blood and apply it to your wound by mixing with a gelling agent to keep it in place in the wound cavity. The wound will then be dressed to protect the platelet gel.

Contact Details
Your Consultant will be able to explain what will happen when you come for a PRP treatment. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the platelet wound treatment team on the contact details below.

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Picture 1

Picture 2