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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?

How We Use Your Information

For details on how we collect, use and store the information we hold about you, please take a look at our "how we use your information" leaflet which can be found on the Trust website:

https://www.wwl.nhs.uk/patient_information/leaflets/

This leaflet is also available in audio, large print, braille and other languages upon request.
For more information please ask in the department/ward.

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Wound Care following Stitches or Staples

Cardiac Catheter Laboratory

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Introduction

Your wound site has been closed using stitches or skin staples/glue.

- You will be contacted by a district nurse from your GP surgery who will remove the stitches/skin staples seven days following the procedure.
- Keep your wound dry and covered with a dressing until the stitches or staples are removed.
- You can bathe following stitch/staple removal. Gently dab the wound site dry with a clean towel.
- The scar will take approximately six months to fade.
- Excessive movement at the wound site should be avoided.
- Avoid wearing tight clothing that could rub and cause you some discomfort over the wound site.
- Do not use any perfume/ cosmetic deodorant or any tanning products near or at the wound site.
- If you have a raised temperature (over 37.5 centigrade, 99.5 Fahrenheit) please contact the Cardiology Department, Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm on telephone number 01942 822445 or 01942 773018 or attend the Accident and Emergency Department.
- If your wound becomes red or swollen or starts to ooze, or you have any discomfort or any concerns, contact the Cardiology Department, Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm on:
01942 822445
or
01942 773018

**If it is urgent or at weekends;
please attend the Accident and
Emergency Department**