

Patient information

What Can I Expect After A Prostate Biopsy?

Urology Department

You have had a prostate biopsy. This leaflet explains what to expect when you get home.

What can expect when I return home?

It is important that you complete the whole course of antibiotics that you have been given.

It is sensible to take it easy for the rest of the day. Try to drink fluids regularly for a few days afterwards to help flush out any possible infection. It is quite normal to have some blood in your urine, stool and semen for a day or two. You may then notice a brown or reddish colour in your semen for a month or two after the biopsy.

How will I know if I am experiencing complications?

You must attend the Emergency Department (A&E) of your nearest hospital immediately and explain that you have had a prostate biopsy if you have any of the following:

- flu like symptoms within 48 hours of the biopsy
- a burning sensation on passing urine or your urine becomes smelly
- increasing pain
- an inability to pass urine
- an increase in blood in the urine
- a high temperature or fever.

If you have these symptoms, it is reasonable to call an ambulance if a friend or relative cannot bring you to hospital immediately.

When will I get the results?

The laboratory results are usually sent in a report to your surgeon. Your surgeon will review the results and discuss them with you at your follow up appointment. The results will hopefully give a better understanding of your medical condition and your surgeon will offer suitable advice and treatment.

Please feel free to bring a friend or relative when you come for your results.

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Further information

For general queries telephone the Urology Centre on

Tel: 0151 282 6799/6789

Text phone number: 18001 0151 282 6799/6789

For clinical questions specific to your case, telephone the secretary of your Urology Consultant

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