

REMOVAL OF URINARY CATHETER

Discharge information for patients

For the first 24 hours following the removal of your urethral catheter (tube) you may experience:

- passing urine more frequently than usual
- a burning sensation on passing urine
- a small amount of blood in your urine

If these symptoms persist, or you notice that:

- your urine is cloudy
- your urine has an offensive smell
- you have a fever

Please contact your GP so that a urinary infection may be ruled out. If you were discharged from hospital with antibiotics, it is important that you complete the course as instructed.

Please also note it is important:

- That you drink plenty of fluids (at least 1-2 litres/3-4 pints per day) for about 3 days following the removal of your catheter
- Keep your bowels moving regularly and prevent constipation.

Please seek advice from your GP if:

- your urine stream diminishes to a dribble
- you are unable to pass urine
- you feel as though your bladder is full after you have urinated.

If you feel as though your bladder is full, it is becoming uncomfortable or painful you may need to attend the Accident + Emergency department to have a catheter re-inserted. If this does occur please contact the Consultant so a further appointment can be made for you.