

Patient Information

Physiotherapy



Your shoulder/elbow steroid injection

What has happened?

You have had an injection of a corticosteroid (Depo-Medrone) and local anaesthetic (Lidocaine) into your shoulder/elbow.

The dosage of steroid and anaesthetic was determined by your physician.

A third of patients will experience increased pain and symptoms for 24 – 48 hours after their injection. In some circumstances this can last for about a week. This is due to the reaction between the inflamed tissue and the steroid.

If you experience redness, excessive swelling, fever or discharge from the needle site or other signs of infection, please contact the department on **024 7696 6262**.

It is your responsibility to ensure you are safe to drive. You can discuss this further with your treating physician if you remain unsure. Most patients feel safe to drive home.

Note for diabetics

This injection can occasionally interfere with the stabilisation of blood sugars for a few days. Please be mindful when you check your blood sugars and take this into account for your diet control and insulin administration.



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The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact **024 7696 6262** and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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