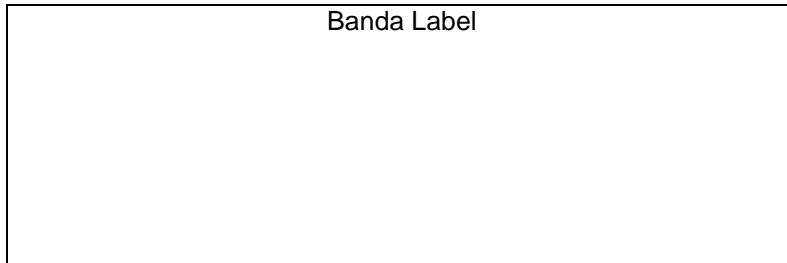


Patient Information

The Eye Unit



Going home after first stage eyelid skin cancer surgery

With eye dressing to stay on for seven days

This booklet aims to give you the information you need whilst recovering from your procedure

The day of surgery

You will have a dressing covering your eye for the **next week and are advised not to drive.**

This dressing will remain in place until the second stage of your operation, usually in seven days, when the surgeon will remove the dressing for you at the hospital.

You are not expected to administer any eye medication during this time. If you have any problems with the dressing at home please contact the hospital for advice, numbers are listed below

Contact numbers:

Ophthalmology Daycase Unit
Monday - Friday 7:30am - 5:30pm

024 7696 5923

Sister Andria Johnson

024 7696 6533

Ward 32

024 7696 5238

Clinic 9 Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm

024 7696 6606

Mr Ahluwalia's Secretary

024 7696 6506



Patient Information

Mrs Mehta's Secretary

024 7696 6508

Eye Casualty Department (Clinic 9)
University Hospital Coventry
Monday –Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm
Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm
Saturday 8.30am – 12.00pm

024 7696 6616

Outside these opening times please attend the Accident and Emergency Department at University Hospital Coventry

Pain

As the local anaesthetic wears off you may feel some discomfort. Take pain relief when required, Such as paracetamol, ibuprofen, or your usual pain relief medication.

Sedation

If you have had sedation, **you must** have someone to take you home. **You should not** operate machinery or make any important decisions in the first 24 hours following your operation. It is also advisable to have someone at home with you for the first 24 hours if possible.

Things to avoid during this time:

- Driving
- Getting the dressing wet

Be aware, having one eye covered can affect your ability to judge distances

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact 024 7696 5923 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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