How can I help reduce healthcare associated infections?

Infection control is important to the well-being of our patients and for that reason we have infection control procedures in place. Keeping your hands clean is an effective way of preventing the spread of infections. We ask that you, and anyone visiting you, use the hand sanitiser available at the main entrance of the hospital and at the entrance to every clinical area before coming in to and after leaving the clinical area or hospital. In some situations hands may need to be washed at the sink using soap and water rather than using the hand sanitiser. Staff will let you know if this is the case.

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Aftercare advice following lung biopsy

Patient Information Leaflet
If you require a translation of this leaflet please call PALS on 01296 316042.
Aftercare advice following a lung biopsy

• Most people are able to go home after a few hours, however someone else must drive you home after the test

• There must be someone to stay with you at home overnight for the first night.

• Bruising around the puncture site is common and you may also feel a dull ache. Your pain relief e.g. paracetamol can be taken if needed.

• If the bruising around the puncture site becomes red and warm to touch, has a discharge, you have a temperature or feel unwell you should see your GP.

• Dressing can be removed 24 hours after the procedure.

• Our aim is to return you to a normal level of activities after 24 hours.

• No bathing or swimming for the first 3 days although showering is allowed.

• It is quite normal to cough up some streaks of blood at the time or for a day or two after the procedure.

• If you cough up large amounts of blood, suddenly become short of breath or have severe chest pain, you must go to the Accident & Emergency Department at the hospital straight away.

• You should not normally fly for six weeks after the procedure. If you wish to fly in less than six weeks please discuss this with your doctor.

• For any other concerns contact your GP or the X-ray Department.

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