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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Please find below our response to your request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

The Associate Director of Operations for Surgery and Anaesthesia at Wirral University Teaching Hospital has provided the information required for this response.

Regarding post-operative instructions for day surgery patients:

Q1. Do you have a leaflet with instructions for patients? If yes could you please send by email?

Please see the attached leaflets that are given to patients who are undergoing any of the procedures listed below

Q2. When can patients return to work after inguinal hernia surgery?

When a patient can return to work depends on the type of hernia repair as well as the nature of the job that they are returning to.

For laparoscopic surgery it will depend on the patient's job.

For open hernia repair, usually 2-4 weeks

Q3. When can patients return to driving after inguinal hernia surgery?

Patients are advised not to drive until they feel confident about controlling their vehicle and are always advised to check with their insurance company.

After any anaesthetic no machinery or potential dangerous activity should be undertaken for at least 24 hrs.

Q4. When can patients return to work after varicose vein surgery?

1 week following surgery

Q5. When can patients return to driving after varicose vein surgery?

Following removal of bandages

Patients are advised not to drive until they feel confident about controlling their vehicle and are always advised to check with their insurance company.

After any anaesthetic no machinery or potential dangerous activity should be undertaken for at least 24 hrs.

Q6. When can patients return to work after haemorrhoidectomy surgery?

3-4 weeks

Q7. When can patients return to driving after haemorrhoidectomy surgery?

Patients are advised not to drive until they feel confident about controlling their vehicle and are always advised to check with their insurance company.

After any anaesthetic no machinery or potential dangerous activity should be undertaken for at least 24 hrs.

We hope this information fully answers your request but if anything further is required or you are dissatisfied with the management of your request, please contact the Access to Information Office.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Lin Snow
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