

After your CT Colonography scan with Buscopan™

(Northern services)

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What happens after your CT Colonography scan?

Following your scan, we will show you to a private toilet where you will be able to make yourself comfortable and get dressed. You may pass a lot of wind but this is normal as your body gets rid of the carbon dioxide gas that inflated your bowel during the scan.

When you are ready we will ask you to sit in the waiting area and will offer you a hot drink and biscuits.

To make sure there are no immediate problems after your scan, we will ask you to remain in the waiting area for 30 minutes. At this point, one of our team will remove the small tube (cannula) from your arm and, if you are feeling well, you may leave the department. We will ask you to stay in the hospital for an extra 30 minutes if you have been given an injection of contrast medium (dye) as part of the scanning procedure. You may wish to use this time to get a coffee from the café. If you are feeling well after this time then you may leave the hospital.

You may eat and drink as usual as soon as you wish, though we recommend you drink plenty of fluids over the next few days.

How will I feel after the procedure?

Moving around, together with eating and drinking as usual, will help ease any minor discomfort you may be feeling for up to two hours after your scan. Taking paracetamol may help too.

During your examination, you will have been given an injection of Buscopan™ to relax the muscles around your bowel. One of the side effects is the blurring of your vision; however, this usually only lasts for about 30 minutes. As a precaution we recommend that you do not drive for an hour following your scan. **If you develop painful blurred vision, contact NHS 111 and ask for advice.**

How will I know the results?

The results of your examination will be sent to your consultant who asked for the procedure. Your consultant will then be in contact with you to discuss the results and let you know of any follow up.

Who can I ask if I need advice after the scan?

Most patients will start to feel normal shortly after the procedure. However, **if you have any of the following symptoms over the next few days, please get in touch straight away with your GP or NHS 111 for advice.** They will be in the best place to give the help you need.

- Severe abdominal pain
- Increasingly painful abdominal discomfort
- Sweating and/or nausea (feeling or being sick)
- Feeling generally unwell

You can also contact the CT department if you have any questions or concerns following your scan. The CT radiographers can be contacted on 01271 314130 (Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm).

References

National CT Colonography Academy training materials

Your notes

PALS

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