

# Caring for your puncture site following cardiac catheters



## Information for patients Cardiology

Please ensure you always wash your hands before examining your puncture site.

### What do I need to look for?

- Increased swelling or hardness around your puncture site.
- Bruising.
- Bleeding: if the puncture site is oozing blood then apply pressure and continue to observe. If the puncture site starts to bleed heavily then apply pressure and seek medical advice **immediately**.
- Also observe for coldness, numbness or pins and needles in the leg where the tube was passed.

### Who do I contact if I have any concerns about my puncture site?

Either contact your own GP or the ward you were discharged from:

Chesterman 1: **0114 271 4518**

Chesterman 2: **0114 271 4346**

Coronary Care Unit: **0114 271 4226**

Firth 7: **0114 226 6215**

### What about driving following the procedure?

Currently the DVLA recommends that you should not drive for ..... days following a cardiac catheter.

**We hope your stay has been a pleasant one**



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