

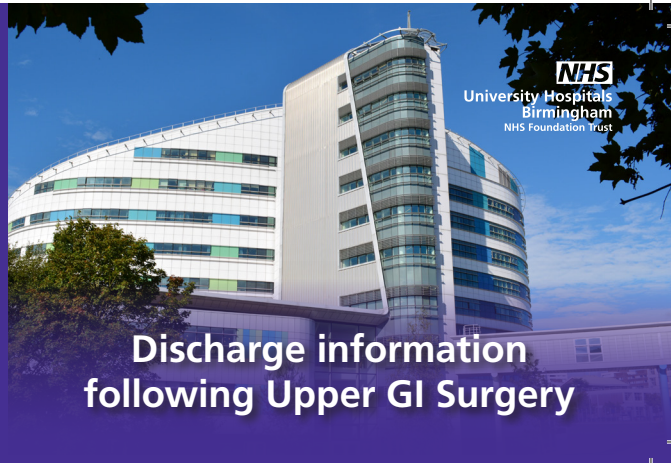
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At home – complications to look out for

Complications can arise after your surgery. Please take the following actions if you notice any of these signs or symptoms:

Signs and symptoms	Take the following action
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe pain (abdominal or chest) uncontrolled by painkillers• Bleeding (dark bowel motions or passing blood from the back passage)• Breathing difficulties• Very high temperature that is not settling with paracetamol• Severe uncontrollable vomiting• Palpitations	<p>Call your ward on:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>If you cannot reach the ward call your GP or 999.</p> <p>If you need to come back to the hospital you will be asked to attend the accident and emergency unit.</p>

- Redness or swelling around the wound
- Pain which is constant and has limited relief from the painkillers you have taken

Call your ward on:

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Call your GP or call your specialist nurse on:

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They will tell you what to do next. You may be told to come back to hospital but you may not need to be readmitted. If you call within normal working hours you will most likely be seen by your team. If you call outside of normal working hours you might be asked to come to hospital during normal working hours.

- Mild pain, muscle ache, fatigue
- Difficulty with swallowing, problems with feeding jejunostomy tube, persisting diarrhoea
- Significant reflux, & persistent vomiting

If you are concerned please call your Upper GI Specialist Nurse (phone numbers on the back of this card) or your GP.