

Advice following Temporal Artery Biopsy

Information for patients



You may have a dressing covering the wound. It should be left undisturbed until the next day.

When you remove the dressing, you may need to bathe the wound. Do this gently, using cooled boiled water and cotton wool balls/pads.

When the anaesthetic wears off you may experience some discomfort. This should be relieved by taking a painkiller such as Paracetamol or equivalent. A light icepack can be comforting and can help reduce bruising or swelling.

Observe your wound for any bleeding. If there is heavy bleeding apply pressure and contact the Eye Pavilion.

You can wash your hair after 7 days.

Take care not to brush over the wound site.

If you require advice, please contact:

Mon-Fri 08.30 - 16.30

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