



After the Operation / Procedure

1. After the procedure, catheters will be removed. The wound site will be compressed to stop bleeding.
2. Nursing staff will check blood pressure, pulse and wound regularly.
3. Bed rest may be necessary for 4 hours. In particular, please do not move or bend the affected limb. Whenever cough or sneeze, please apply pressure on the wound with hand.
4. Should inform nurse if patient feels any discomfort in particularly chest discomfort or blood oozing is found from the wound site.
5. Once diet is resumed, please take more fluid to help eliminate contrast by passing urine.
6. Please follow instruction for the use of medications.
7. Usually can be discharged 1-3 days after the procedure.
8. The wound will be inspected and covered with light dressing. Keep the wound site clean and change dressing if wet. In general, showers are allowed after 2 days.
9. Avoid vigorous activities (household or exercise) in the first 3 days after the procedure. Bruising around the wound site is common and usually subsides 2-3 weeks later. If any signs of infection, increase in swelling or pain over the wound, come back to the hospital immediately.
10. Usually doctor has explained the results of the procedure before discharge. Any further questions, discuss with doctor during subsequent follow-up.

Risk and Complications

1. The procedure carries certain risks.
2. Major complications (2-3%) include death, perforation of the heart chamber, stroke, infective endocarditis, device dislodgement, and partial obstruction of pulmonary artery.
3. Minor complications (7%) include allergy to contrast reaction, nausea and groin complications. Bruising around the wound site is common.

Alternative Treatment / Investigation

Patient can select either surgical closure or medical therapy.

Disclaimer

This leaflet only provides general information pertaining to this operation / procedure. While common risks and complications are described, the list is not exhaustive, and the degree of risk could also vary between patients. Please contact your doctor for detailed information and specific enquiry.

Reference

Smart Patient Website by Hospital Authority: Percutaneous Closure of Patent Ductus Arteriosus (4/2019)

Patient's Label
Patient Name: _____
Hospital No: _____
Episode No: _____

Patient's Signature: _____ Date: _____