



Discharge information following your Cardioversion

Following your Cardioversion:

- You will be recovering for approximately four hours after your procedure.
- You will be offered something to eat and drink once you are awake.
- Your I.V cannula will be removed prior to you going home.
- You may feel drowsy for some time after your procedure.
- Although you may feel awake and alert, the medication/sedation you have received can take several hours to completely wear off. It is therefore important that you:
 - rest for the remainder of the day
 - do not drive for at least 24 hours
 - do not drink alcohol for a minimum of 24 hours
- If you feel unwell after discharge, please go to your nearest Emergency Department and tell them you have had a cardioversion.

Follow up arrangements:

- You will be reviewed by a doctor before you go home.
- You will receive an outpatient appointment in the mail. The timing of your outpatient appointment depends on when your doctor wants to see you again. It may be between one to three months after your cardioversion.
- You will receive your appointment date in the mail five weeks before your appointment is scheduled.
- You **MUST** stay on warfarin until your outpatient appointment.
- A letter will be sent to your GP summarising your hospital stay.