

Discharge Information: After Cardioversion

What to expect when you are discharged from hospital/service

- Most people will feel drowsy for some time after the 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 a vehicle or operate machinery for at least 24 hours.
 - Do not sign any legal documents.

When and where to seek medical attention

- Please contact your GP or Emergency Department of your nearest hospital if you feel unwell after discharge.

Contact number for The Prince Charles Hospital is (07) 3139 4000

Follow up arrangements

- You will receive an appointment in the mail. The timing of your outpatient appointment will depend on when your doctor wants to see you again. It may be between one to three months after your cardioversion.
- If you see a private cardiologist, you will need to make your own appointment with the doctor.
- If you are on **blood thinning** medication including:
 - Warfarin
 - Apixaban
 - Rivaroxaban
 - Dabigatran

You **MUST** stay on these medications until your cardiologist advises you to stop.

What do I need to know about going home

Please make sure you

- Ask for a medical certificate if needed
- Have a friend or relative to pick you up

Do:	Don't:
Rest quietly the day of the procedure	Do not sign any legal documents for 24 hours
See your GP or local hospital if you have ongoing issues and feeling unwell	Do not drive a vehicle or operate machinery for at least 24 hours
	Do not drink alcohol for a minimum of 24 hours

Who do you contact if you need advice or help?

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

Your local GP

Your questions

If you are unsure about anything in the fact sheet, please write down questions for your care team:

People who use this service have given feedback on this information.