

## **IMAGE-GUIDED CRANIAL BIOPSY**

Following your biopsy it is important to monitor your symptoms post-operatively. If you experience any of the below, please contact the relevant teams below. These are symptoms that you are experiencing in the first 72 hours post-operatively.

<p><b>Red Symptoms-</b></p> <p><b>Attend the Emergency Department or call 999</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Headaches that are severe and progressively worsening</li> <li>• Nausea and/or vomiting that doesn't settle or increasing drowsiness</li> <li>• Fits</li> <li>• Development of new or worsening symptoms (weakness, numbness, speech problems and/or altered sensation)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Amber Symptoms-</b></p> <p><b>Call on-call neurosurgery registrar or Erme/Postbridge Ward</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wound problems (increasing pain, swelling, discharge)</li> </ul> <p><i>If your biopsy was through the nose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New visual disturbances</li> <li>• Nasal leak or salty taste in the mouth</li> </ul>
<p><b>Green Symptoms-</b></p> <p><b>Call GP / Neuro-oncology specialist nurse</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swollen or painful calves (*risk deep vein thrombosis)</li> <li>• Rash</li> <li>• Fever</li> </ul>

**If you become suddenly acutely unwell, please call 999.**

### **Contact Numbers:**

Erme Ward 01752 438114 / Postbridge Ward (23h stay) 01752 431225

Neurosurgical On-Call Registrar via Switchboard 01752 202082

Neuro-Oncology Specialist Nurse available Monday – Friday, 8am – 4pm 01752 431210

NHS 111 for advice or 999 in case of an emergency

**Please follow your discharge summary with regards to your medications.**

You will be contacted by your Consultant's Medical Secretary about your follow up appointment for your results.