

High-dose radiology procedures – Cardiac Catheter Lab

Radiology

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You have had a procedure that involved radiation.

Before any procedure like this is carried out, any radiation risks are carefully weighed against the potential benefits of the medical information obtained.

The amount of radiation you receive depends on several factors, including how long the procedure takes.

One possible risk is a skin reaction. This is uncommon, but if it does happen, it can appear up to several weeks after the procedure.

These reactions are not burns in the usual sense. Although they look similar and can range from very mild to more serious, involving blistering or ulceration of the skin.

Skin reactions of this type will only happen in the part of the body that was treated during the procedure.

What to look out for

Over the next few days / weeks, check for:

- redness
- pain
- skin changes (such as blistering or ulceration) in the area where you had the procedure

If you notice any of these, please contact the **Cardiac Catheter Lab** on **01925 275505** for advice.

You may be asked to return to the unit or attend the Emergency Department (A&E). If so, please bring this information sheet with you.

Follow-up appointment

A telephone / face-to-face appointment will be arranged for around 21 days after your procedure. You will receive a letter with the date and time.

This appointment is to check for any possible skin changes due to the procedure. It is not for discussing any other aspect of your condition / test results, etc.

If you do not receive an appointment, need to change it, or have any other questions, please contact us on **01925 275505**.