

Surgical Division – ENT - Hemithyroidectomy

Introduction

Your consultant has recommended a Hemithyroidectomy – a procedure performed under General Anaesthetic to remove half of the thyroid gland from the neck. You would have been provided with a written information leaflet that provides details on the procedure when you were listed for the operation at your clinic appointment.

Guidance for Patients

Common reasons for a Hemithyroidectomy include:

- Large lumps or nodules in the Thyroid which cause problems with swallowing or breathing, pressure or constriction in the neck.
- Suspicion or ruling out of Thyroid cancer

Whilst you are waiting for your procedure, your consultant may recommend alternative management to support your symptoms.

What should I do if my health is deteriorating?

If you feel the nodule or lump is increasing in size rapidly over a short period of time, please contact the ENT secretaries on 0151 604 7610.

If you are becoming more unwell, please contact your GP or NHS 111 for a medical. They will be able to direct you to the appropriate service to determine your management plan.

Contact Us

Emergency advice – NHS 111

ENT secretaries – 0151 – 604 - 7610

Admissions office – 0151-607 -7350