**Patient Information Leaflet**

**MINOR SURGERY**

**Portcullis Surgery is committed to providing best practice & high-quality medical care.**

**What is a minor surgery?**

Minor surgery is a relatively painless and fairly quick procedure.

It generally takes 20 to 30 minutes.

Most procedures are carried out using local anaesthetic.

This is an injection given around the site of the operation (similar to that used by Dentists).

If you have had a bad reaction to local anaesthetic in the past it is very important that you inform us.

The local anaesthetic stings a little initially but this quickly stops.

You should not be able to feel any pain during the procedure but may be aware of a sensation of pressure.

If you do feel any pain during the procedure please inform the Doctor immediately.

Most of the minor surgery carried out here involves the removal of lumps and bumps.

Once the lump has been removed the skin will be closed using a few stitches, these will have to be removed at a time specified by the Doctor (usually 1 week).

All specimens removed are sent to the laboratory for examination.

The local anaesthetic lasts approximately 2 hours.

The wound may therefore start to become painful after this period of time.

We recommend that you take some simple pain killers such as Paracetamol once you get home.

**Care of the wound**

The wound will be dressed by the Nurse after the operation; this dressing should be left in place for 24 hours, or longer if specified by the Doctor or Nurse.

It is important to keep the wound clean and dry.

If the stitches become wet they are liable to come out and may get infected.

The wound will be painful for 24-48 hours.

If the pain is not improving after 48 hours please call in to see the Nurse.

Likewise, if the wound becomes very red or starts to discharge pus, please call in as soon as possible to see the Nurse.

Do not wait until you are due to have your stitches removed.

**Scarring**

All minor surgery will leave some degree of scarring. The degree of this will vary from person to person and cannot be predicted. If you have any concerns about scarring it is very important that you discuss this with the Doctor before you have your minor operation. If you have any questions or worries about the procedure please ask the Doctor or Nurse.

Other possible complication rates can be:

* crusting around the wound: Crusting is defined as a persistence of crust on the incision at follow-up, sometimes overlying an area of mildly delayed wound healing. Crusts are allowed to separate on their own and generally treated with topical ointment until healed
* delayed wound healing,
* hypersensitivity reactions to the anaesthetic,
* scar hypertrophy, scarring overgrowth which is more than usual,
* infection

**How can I book in a minor surgery?**

* Please fill in the CONSENT form below with as much information as possible.
* This form will be given to Dr Beanland or Dr Perks to review.
* The reception team will get back in touch with you within 7 working days.
* Dr Beanland and Dr Perks may request a face to face appointment first so they can review the area you would like minor surgery on or they may ask for you to be booked in for the next available minor surgery slot.

**On the day of the procedure**

* Please read the information on the leaflet carefully, and ask if there is anything that you do not understand.
* Prior to the procedure, you must fill this consent form in online and send it to the practice to add to your notes or print it out and hand in to Dr Beanland or Dr Perks.