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Gastroscopy or OGD

Patient Information

Dr Corbett has decided that a gastroscopy is required to check your symptoms or to confirm a diagnosis.

A gastroscopy is a procedure where a thin, flexible tube called an endoscope is used to look inside your oesophagus (gullet), stomach and first part of the small intestine. The endoscope has a light and a camera at one end and can send images of the inside of your oesophagus, stomach and small intestine to a monitor.

The procedure will not take long – usually less than 10 minutes – it might take longer if biopsies are taken or if it is being used to treat a condition. It is usually carried out as an outpatient procedure, which means you do not have to spend the night in hospital.

Before the procedure your throat will be numbed with a local anaesthetic spray. You can also choose to have a sedative if you prefer but this will mean you will be drowsy and have reduced awareness about what is happening and will have to stay at the hospital for longer.

Dr Corbett will place the endoscope in the back of your mouth and ask you to swallow the first part of the tube. It will then be guided down your oesophagus and into your stomach. The procedure should not be painful, but it may be slightly uncomfortable or unpleasant at times.

Before your appointment

- All medications should be taken as normal with a little water.
- If you take **Warfarin** please inform Dr Corbett or the hospital as you may need to have an INR test seven days before your procedure.
- If you have **diabetes** please inform Dr Corbett or the hospital.
- If you have any questions about the procedure or find that you cannot keep this appointment, please contact the hospital or Dr Corbett's PA.

On the day

- Have **nothing to eat for six hours and nothing to drink for four hours** before your appointment.

At the hospital

You will be given an arrival time to allow you to be prepared for the procedure. This is usually about half an hour before. Your time at the hospital should be no more than 4 hours. Please ask your admitting nurse for further information during your admission check.

Important Information About Fees – Gastroscopy

Thank you for coming to see me at NUFFIELD CAMBRIDGE for an outpatient consultation. This letter sets out some important information that I am required by law, as set out by the Competition Markets Authority (CMA) to provide to you if you are to have any further tests or treatment. Please note that even if someone else is paying your bill or you have private medical insurance, you are responsible for paying any charges which they do not pay. This letter is for your information only and is not a bill.

During our consultation, I recommended you have a gastroscopy to further investigate your symptoms.

Insured Patients

If you have health insurance you will have to notify your insurance company that I have recommended this procedure and they will require a code for this.

The code for gastroscopy is G6500.

Please contact your provider to confirm they will cover you for this procedure, if they do not you will be liable for any costs.

Self-Funding Patients

If you are self-funding the consultant fee is £250 for the procedure. The Nuffield Hospital Cambridge also requires me to include a follow up consultation fee in the total fee. The fee for a follow up consultation is £150.

The Nuffield Hospital Cambridge will also charge a hospital fee for the gastroscopy and you will receive a quotation from them for this. For information on the hospital fees relating to the tests undertaken by them please contact the hospital administration team using the details below:

Nuffield Business Office Cambridge 01223 370972 or email
Cambridge.businessoffice@nuffieldhealth.com

Additional Information About Fees

Please note the fees that have been described above are my consultant fee and does not include:

Hospital fee – for information on the Nuffield fee relating to your treatment, please contact the hospital administration team details above.

Anaesthetist fee – will be involved in your care. For information on their fees, please contact their secretary for self-funding and your provider if you are insured.

Please be aware that all treatment carries risks and unforeseen complications are possible which may, for example, require further treatment or a longer than anticipated stay in hospital. I have not included the costs associated with such additional care in the estimate provided above.

Quality Information

You can compare independent information about the quality of private treatment offered at the hospital and other private healthcare providers from the Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN) website: www.phin.org.uk.