

# Oesophagectomy Care Pathways

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	Current Pathway		EROS Pathway
Pre-operative Preparation	<b>Initial outpatient appointment</b>	Seen by surgeon Surgical approach agreed GP requested to prescribe statin Seen by CNS Buddy offered ICU visit offered Assessment for incentive spirometers Dietitian review (Nutritional supplements)	<b>Initial outpatient appointment</b> Seen by surgeon Surgical approach agreed GP requested to prescribe statin Seen by CNS and referred to surgery school Dietitian review (nutritional supplements) Buddy offered Written patient information <b>Consent for PQIP preoperatively or on day of surgery</b>
	<b>Pre-Assessment Clinic</b>	Consultant led Anaesthetic assessment CPX test arranged patient deemed fit for surgery and given instructions	<b>Surgery School</b> Group teaching session last wednesday of each month. Referrals from upper GI CNS's <b>CGA for over 70s</b> Referral pathway TBC Performed by Care of Elderly physicians Recommendations to MDT re: medication changes, discharge planning etc.
	<b>Day of surgery</b>	Clear fluids from midnight NBM from 2 am enema on admission to ward Medical clerking TEDS Bloods/ Sliding scale if needed	<b>Pre-Assessment Clinic</b> Consultant led Anaesthetic assessment. CPX test arranged patient deemed fit for surgery and given instructions <b>Day of Surgery</b> NBM from 2 am Enema? Medical clerking TEDS/Bloods/Sliding scale/ Visit from enhanced recovery NS <b>PQIP consent if not already done (Research nurse to do)</b>
Intra-operative Anaesthetic Strategy	<b>Brief Outline (from Giving an anaesthetic for open oesophagectomy, AB, 2011)</b>	Mid thoracic epidural or paravertebral block Arterial and central venous lines Double lumen tube with fiberoptic confirmation of correct positioning maintenance air/O2/desflurane & Remifentanyl until epidural block established +/- beyond. Fluid therapy according to anaesthetist preference Urinary catheter Nasal temperature probe Analgesia : Paracetamol and morphine to supplement regional block/ cover neck wound/ diaphragm (shoulder pain). Antiemetics Anchored NG tube HDU	<b>Intraoperative Fluid Management</b> <b>Continue established anaesthetic strategies plus:</b> Maintenance fluid at 1ml/kg/hour Goal directed fluid therapy during abdominal phase to guide administration of fluid and vasopressors when there is haemodynamic instability or significant blood loss [ <u>GDEI algorithm</u> ] maximum total fluid input of 4ml/kg/hour. <b>Intraoperative Analgesia</b> Mid thoracic epidural or paravertebral block Paracetamol 1g I.V 4 hourly Parecoxib unless contraindicated Morphine to cover neck wound / diaphragmatic pain <b>but;</b> Consider Ketamine 0.25-0.5 mg/kg at induction Mg <sup>2+</sup> 2.5g I.V slowly during the case Dexamethasone 4-8mg IV <b>minimise total opioid dose</b> <b>Where there is suspicion that the epidural is not working, consider re-siting prior to emergence</b>
			<b>Data Collection</b> Intra-operative PQIP data entry

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Post - Operative (day of surgery)	<b>ICU care plan to be followed</b>	VTE prophylaxis Wound care hourly observations 6 hourly ABG	<b>General ICU Management Analgesia Fluid management</b> Unchanged  As per updated guideline [ <a href="#">Post op analgesia guide</a> ]. Anaesthetist to set physiological parameters for fluid management algorithm prior to transfer to HDU. Suggested parameters: MAP 65-70 Urine output 0.5ml/kg/hour over 2 hours [ <a href="#">Critical care fluid management algorithm</a> ] Incentive spirometry Upright position See Physiotherapy Guide [ <a href="#">Oesophagectomy Physiotherapy Guide 2017</a> ]
	<b>General Management</b>	VTE prophylaxis Assess and dress wounds Hygiene, privacy and dignity Address patient anxieties Start discharge planning	<b>General Management</b> Unchanged
Post - Operative days 1&2	<b>General assessments</b>	Critical care/ outreach review required? Blood results Lines inspected CXR NG tube care catheter hygiene maintained Wound/Chest drains	<b>General assessments</b> Unchanged Review by enhanced recovery nurse specialist
	<b>Fluid balance</b>	IV fluids prescribed and accurate fluid balance recorded Monitor urine output	<b>Fluid Management</b> [ <a href="#">Critical care fluid management algorithm</a> ] until patient steps down to ward 21. Keep K+ 4.5-5.5 Fluid management as per current pathway on ward. (To be reviewed Nov 2017)
	<b>Chest &amp; mobility</b>	Record any bowel movement/flatul O <sub>2</sub> administered as prescribed Assessment by physio mobilise as per physio plan breathing exercises as per physio plan	<b>Chest &amp; Mobility</b> See Physiotherapy Guide [ <a href="#">Oesophagectomy Physiotherapy Guide 2017</a> ] Briefly: sit out of bed minimum of 4 hours. Walk 20m twice. Incentive spirometry hourly when awake, minimum 4 times per day. Unchanged
	<b>Nutrition</b>	Strictly nil by mouth If Jejunostomy in situ - follow <a href="#">Feeding instructions</a> Surgeon will advise on starting feeding. Regimen as per Dietitian.	<b>Nutrition</b> Unchanged
	<b>Pain &amp; Nausea</b>	Analgesia as prescribed Epidural or PCA observations Complete pain and sedation score tool Escalate if analgesia ineffective Anti-emetic for nausea/vomiting Pain team review for decision to remove epidural	<b>Pain &amp; Nausea</b> As per updated guideline [ <a href="#">Post op analgesia guide</a> ]. Anti-emetic for nausea/vomiting. Pain team review for decision to remove epidural
			<b>Data Collection</b> PQIP follow up day 2 or 3 plus QI data collection tool

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Day 3-6	<b>General Management</b>	Anti-embolic stockings & tinzaparin Assess and dress wounds Discuss potential anxieties with patient MEWS recorded and escalated as needed Assist with hygiene needs Privacy & dignity maintained Discharge planning commenced Referral to clinical psychology if required	<b>General Management</b> Unchanged
	<b>General Assessments</b>	Critical care outreach review required? Blood results lines inspected CXR NG tube care Catheter care	<b>General assessments</b> Unchanged
	<b>Fluid Balance</b>	Can drains/tubes/catheter be removed? IV fluids prescribed and record accurate fluid balance Monitor and record urine output	<b>Fluid Balance</b> Unchanged (review Nov 2017)
	<b>Chest &amp; Mobility</b>	record any bowel movement/flatul O <sub>2</sub> administered as prescribed Assessment by physio Mobilise as per physio plan	<b>Chest &amp; Mobility</b> See Physiotherapy Guide [ <a href="#">Oesophagectomy Physiotherapy Guide 2017</a> ] Increase walk to tds, unchanged
	<b>Nutrition Pain &amp; Nausea</b>	As above As above	<b>Nutrition Pain &amp; Nausea Data Collection</b> [ <a href="#">Post op analgesia guide</a> ] PQIP follow up day 2 or 3
Day 7	<b>Continue management as above PLUS:</b> Gastrograffin swallow. Surgical team review and document result If no anastomotic leak consider 30ml per hour orally.	<b>Continue Management as above PLUS :</b> Gastrograffin swallow as per current pathway.  <b>Data Collection</b> PQIP Post op morbidity score data required	
Day 8	<b>Continue management as above PLUS:</b> Inform dietitian of gastrograffin swallow result. If no anastomotic leak, consider 60-90ml orally as directed by surgical team.	<b>Continue Management as above PLUS:</b> Build up oral fluids depending on results of gastrograffin swallow as per current pathway.	
Day 9	<b>Continue management as above PLUS:</b> Patient taught to self administer tinzaparin Encouraged to dress in own clothes if 60-90 ml/hour tolerated, allow free fluids as directed by surgical team	<b>Continue Management as above PLUS:</b> Additional actions as per current pathway	
Day 10	<b>Continue management as above PLUS:</b> Consider sloppy diet if free fluids tolerated	<b>Continue management as above PLUS:</b> Consider sloppy diet as per current pathway	
Day 11 +	<b>Continue management as above PLUS:</b> TTOs ordered. Step down to ward 8 or 11 social services rehab coordinator input home with 1/12 VTE prophylaxis Upper GI nurse appointment for 6/52	<b>Continue management as above PLUS:</b> Step down to ward 8 or 11 Discharge planning as per current pathway  <b>Data Collection</b> PQIP discharge data	