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You may or may not encounter any of the following conditions.

Sore throat & hoarse voice: You may experience a sore throat or hoarse voice. This is not unusual, and this should ease within a day or so.

Bleeding: It is normal to cough up small amounts of blood in your sputum and you may have a slight nosebleed following your bronchoscopy. If the bleeding persists for more than 24 hours, and gets heavier, please consult your doctor for immediate medical advice.

Fever: Occasionally fever can occur for 24-48 hours following procedure. This does not usually require treatment, and can be easily relieved with paracetamol. If fever symptoms worsen after this time, please consult your doctor for immediate medical advice.

Localised infection: For your procedure you will have had your medications administered through a special intravenous cannula. Sometimes the area can get sore and infected after the procedure. This may need a treatment with topical cream or some antibiotics. If this happens, please visit your GP for advice and treatment.

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The local anaesthetic wears off after 1-2 hours, after which you may have fluids. It is advisable to start with sips of cold water to make sure the normal sensation has returned. You can eat and drink as normal, unless advised otherwise.

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You may resume normal medications after your bronchoscopy, unless advised otherwise.

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A nurse will speak to you before you leave the Gemini Endoscopy Suite and explain:

- What was seen and done during your procedure

- Whether you will need any further follow up

- That a copy of your report will be sent to your GP today and any results should be with your GP within 2 weeks

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If any of the above symptoms persist or worsen after the bronchoscopy – such as bleeding, pain, temperature and shortness of breath, please follow the instructions below:

- In normal working hours Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm, telephone the Gemini Endoscopy Suite on **01271 349180**

- Outside these hours contact your GP surgery or if in an emergency, come to the North Devon District Hospital A&E

Alternatively telephone NHS Direct on **111**

Further information

Please telephone the Gemini Endoscopy Suite on **01271 349180**.

www.modern.nhs.uk – NHS Modernisation Agency National Endoscopy Programme

www.grs.nhs.uk – Endoscopy Global Rating Scale

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