



Liposomal Bupivacaine

Patient information

You have been given this leaflet because the doctors looking after you think you will benefit from a long-lasting local anaesthetic to give pain relief.

Liposomal bupivacaine is manufactured to last longer than our normal local anaesthetic drugs. It may last for a period of up to 72 hours, although this will vary from patient to patient.

We are introducing this formulation to The Queen Victoria for patients who we feel might benefit.

You will have your local anaesthetic given during surgery in the same way as normal. This might be whilst you are awake or under a general anaesthetic. We would also give other painkillers in the same way as normal. For example, often we give paracetamol, diclofenac (an anti-inflammatory) or morphine as well as the local anaesthetic, and you are able to continue to take painkillers after your operation as prescribed.

To follow up its effects we would like to talk to you afterwards about how you are feeling. If you are in hospital one of our pain team will visit you, and you may be asked about its effectiveness during your next surgical consultation.

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