

Duodopa[®] treatment plan

You are referred by your Consultant Neurologist for Duodopa[®] treatment.



You receive a home visit by the Solvay Duodopa[®] Nurse Adviser to discuss Duodopa[®] therapy and the procedures involved. At this stage, your consent to proceed will be requested. A diary will be left with you for completion prior to your hospital admission.



You will be booked into hospital for a 10-day stay.



On admission to hospital, your test period begins with the insertion of a naso-intestinal tube under X-ray supervision.



On return to the ward, Duodopa[®] therapy begins. Hourly assessments are made and your medication changed by a healthcare professional to achieve the best response (this usually takes 3-5 days). Your pump will be disconnected at night and oral medication may be taken if required. You will be taught how to use the pump.



On completion of the test period, you will discuss with your consultant whether to proceed for permanent treatment. You will then be asked for your consent to the PEG procedure.



The PEG tube will then be inserted under sedation/local anaesthesia. On return to the ward, Duodopa[®] therapy begins via the PEG. The PEG insertion site will be observed and you will receive advice on how to care for this area. Duodopa[®] therapy continues (3 - 5 days) and your use of and knowledge of the pump will be assessed.

Your Primary Healthcare team will be told of your treatment and discharge planning will begin. Training will be given to your home support team.



Best symptom control should be achieved and you should be confident and competent about pump use. You will be provided with contact numbers and follow-up appointment dates.



You will be discharged home.



1 week later you will receive a follow-up home visit from the Solvay Nurse.