Patient information sheet For "Conscious Proning"



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These instructions are for patients who have been advised to undertake "Conscious Proning"

Please try to not spend a lot of time lying flat on your back. Lying on your stomach and in different positions will help your body to get air into all areas of your lungs.

It is recommended to change your position every 30 minutes to 2 hours rotating as below. Please note sitting up is better than lying on your back:

- 1. 30 minutes 2 hours: lying fully prone on your stomach (bed flat)
- 2. 30 minutes 2 hours: lying on your right side (bed flat)
- 3. 30 minutes 2 hours: sitting up (30-60 degrees) by adjusting head of the bed
- 4. 30 minutes 2 hours: lying on your left side (bed flat)
- 5. Then back to position 1 and continue to repeat the cycle.

In pictures:

1. 30 minutes – 2 hours: lying fully prone (bed flat)



2. 30 minutes – 2 hours: lying on your right side (bed flat)



3.30 minutes - 2 hours: sitting up (30-60 degrees) by adjusting head of the bed



4. 30 minutes - 2 hours: lying on your left side (bed flat)



5. Then back to Position 1. Lying fully prone (bed flat)



Adapted from Self Positioning Guide. Elmhurst Hospital. SB, <u>https://www.embeds.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Self-Proning-Positioning-leaflet.pdf</u>