

## **What is Quinsy?**

Quinsy is an abscess surrounding the tonsil.

## **How will I feel?**

You will complain of pain in your throat, ear and difficulty with swallowing even saliva.

You will have a high temperature, your throat will be red and inflamed, a swelling may be seen on one side of the throat and mouth opening will be painful.

## **What is the treatment?**

The abscess may need to be drained under a local anaesthetic. Once the pus is removed using a syringe or small knife, you will feel a lot better.

You are usually admitted to the ward for a course of intravenous antibiotics (through a needle) for up to 48 hours. Strong painkillers and an intravenous infusion (drip will also be given.)

## **How long will I be in hospital?**

You will be in hospital for approximately 2 days or until you are able to eat and drink. Occasionally a quinsy needs to be drained again. When you are better the antibiotics will be given to you as tablets and you will be discharged.

## **How long will it take me to get better?**

It may take up to 2 weeks to get back to normal.

If you have had a lot of sore throats in the past, then the doctors may suggest you have your tonsils removed in the near future.

If you have any questions or Concerns, please contact the Nursing Staff in ENT Clinic, Bedford Hospital on 01234 355122 Ext. 4204

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