

## About this booklet

The purpose of this booklet is to help explain what will happen to you during your stay in hospital for your planned procedure. It also gives advice and information to help your recovery.

Video Assisted Thoracoscopy (VATS) involves making a small cut in the skin and inserting a small tube which has a light and camera at the end. This allows the surgeon to look inside and take samples if needed.

## What will I need to bring with me to hospital?

- Housecoat, nightdress or pyjamas;
- Slippers;
- Toilet bag and toiletries;
- All medication in original packaging; and
- Loose change (for newspapers, telephone).

Please do not bring jewellery and large amounts of money with you. Please note we provide towels for washing/showering.

## Night before your procedure

- On admission you will be welcomed to the ward and taken to your room when your bed is available.
- A member of nursing staff will check your temperature, pulse and blood pressure.
- A member of nursing staff will take a swab from your nose and perineum (groin) for MRSA screening.
- The anaesthetist will see you to discuss your medication and answer any questions you may have.