



## **INVERCLYDE ROYAL HOSPITAL**

### **Emergency Department**

#### **Pneumothorax Discharge Advice Leaflet**

You have been diagnosed as suffering from a “Pneumothorax”. This means that there is a small amount of air trapped between the surface of your lung and your chest wall.

Standard treatment of such a pneumothorax involves removing the air with a needle and syringe. In some cases where there is only a small amount of air, no treatment other than a period of observation followed by a repeat chest x-ray is all that is required.

You are now fit for discharge.

**Please note the following points:**

- If you develop increasing breathlessness then return immediately to the Emergency Department.
- You should return to the department on.....at.....am for a repeat chest x-ray.
- Avoid air travel until a repeat Chest x-ray shows that your lung has fully re-expanded
- Diving (SCUBA) should be permanently avoided