

Renal Unit

Welcome to Adult Haemodialysis at UHCW

What will happen when I transfer?

When it's time for you to transfer to an adult hospital for your Haemodialysis, you will be given the opportunity to visit the Renal Unit to meet the staff and other patients and have a look around before your move.

The first few times you dialyse at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) one of the nurses from Birmingham Children's Hospital will come with you to provide help and support to settle you in to your new environment.

Parents or friends are always welcome to stay while you dialyse, but no more than two at a time.

Who will be looking after me?

- A team of sisters, nurses and support workers will look after you on dialysis
- You will be introduced to your named nurse, who will monitor your blood results and liaise with the doctors and other members of the renal team. This will ensure we can provide the best care for your needs.
- You will have regular clinic appointments with your renal consultant and their team of doctors.

Where will I dialyse?

At UHCW we have a brand new purpose built dialysis unit. You will have your dialysis in a small group of 6 patients or less. Whenever possible we will try to sit you with others of a similar age.

We can introduce you to other patients on dialysis who can act as buddies or friends and hopefully they will understand any concerns that you may have.

The renal unit is a much larger unit than you will have been used to. We have 30 dialysis stations in all. It is a very busy place but we feel the atmosphere and service we provide is warm and friendly.

When will I have my dialysis?

The Renal Unit is open 6 days a week, Monday to Saturday 7.30am to 10.30pm. Most patients dialyse 3 times a week for 4 hours. So, if you are still at School, College or are working we can usually find a slot to suit you.



Patient Information

What can I do while I dialyse?

You are welcome to bring in any books, magazines, DVD players, hand-held games consoles etc.

Mains operated equipment will need to be checked by an engineer before use in the unit and headphones used where appropriate.

Mobile phones should only be used in public areas within the hospital and not in the Renal Unit

What is different about the adult service?

The main difference between child and adult haemodialysis is the amount of independence you will be given.

You will be encouraged to take a more active role in your treatment, for example, setting up your trolley or machine.

You will also be encouraged to take more responsibility for your medication and diet.

The Renal Unit staff will provide you with help and support to achieve this. We also have a dedicated home training team for patients who are interested.

The Adolescent unit

The Adolescent unit (Ward 14) is situated on the first floor of the hospital. It is available for use by patients under 18 years.

There is a chill-out room with games and a DVD library.

There is also a wide range of information on topics such as:

- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Relationships
- Health information
- The Youth Council

Transport

NHS transport is available for some patients who are eligible; however, this is a free service and the times you are dropped off and collected cannot be guaranteed.

What other services are available?

- Dietitians
- Social worker
- Psychologist
- Pharmacist
- Anaemia Team
- Home/ Shared Care Dialysis Team
- CAPD / APD Department
- Transplant Team
- Holiday Dialysis Coordinator

Patient Information

If you require further information about these services or any other aspect of the Renal Unit please contact:

Sister Kelly Harris or Sister Jo Vaughan – Tel: 024 7696 7777

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact us on 024 7696 7777 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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