

## Lung Support Team

# Admission to Ward 11

Your doctor has decided that you should come into hospital for some further investigations, or surgery. The ward that you will be admitted to, will be Ward 11 and your Consultant Surgeon will be:

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It may be necessary to ask you to attend hospital for the Pre-admission Clinic, located in the main Outpatients Department, Ground Floor, Central.

The Pre-admission Clinic is run by nurses who have lots of experience in looking after people with your type of problem.

The clinic involves further routine tests such as blood tests, breathing tests, repeated chest X-ray or heart tests. You will be swabbed to screen for bacteria on your skin.

Your consultant may want some other tests done, which you will be told about on the day.

There will be an opportunity to ask the nurses questions on that day. Pre-Admission Clinic usually takes place a couple of weeks before admission.

### Before Admission

You may be asked to come into hospital the day before your operation or investigation, or it may be the morning of that day.

You will have received this information by telephone or by letter, and you will need to **telephone the Ward on 024 7696 5800** to check if the bed is available. If you need further advice you can always ring the lung support nurse.

### About Ward 11

- Ward 11 is situated on the 1st floor, East Wing of University Hospital
- You can get into any of the available lifts to the 1st floor
- Ward 11 is a mixed sex ward containing 36 beds
- Bays are not mixed sex on Ward 11

There are three different areas of the ward that you may go into during your stay:

- **HDU—The High Dependency Unit** is where you may be cared for following your operation. This area is used to nurse patients who require high levels of nursing care
- **SDU—Step Down Unit.** You may be nursed in the step down unit before moving into the ward area. This area is for patients who require less observation



## Patient Information

- **Ward Area**—when you do not need close monitoring; you will be moved to the ward area

Each day a Nurse will be allocated to care for you.

### Planning Your Stay

When you are admitted, please bring the following items with you:

- Any current medication or aids you require e.g. walking stick/frame; it is advisable to label them with your name.
- Toiletries and comfortable clothing for the day and nightwear (A towel is not required).
- Slippers or comfortable shoes.
- Something to occupy you for example: books, magazines or puzzle books.
- You may like a small amount of cash for newspaper or snacks etc.
- Please consider who will be with you when you are discharged and how you will be travelling to and from the hospital.
- You may bring with you a mobile phone to use on the ward so that you can telephone family or friends during your admission.

**Please Do Not Bring large amounts of cash, as there is no safe on the ward. Any amounts of cash can be deposited in the hospital safe but please note only values of up to £50 will be returned in cash. The rest will be returned in the form of a cheque.**

### Visiting Times

Visiting is strictly: **6.30pm - 8.00pm Monday - Friday**  
**2.00pm - 4.00pm & 6.30pm – 8.00pm at weekends**

Please abide by these visiting times unless by prior arrangement with the ward sister or nurse in charge. Because of the risk of infection, children are not permitted on the ward.

### Further Information

University Hospital switchboard 024 7696 4000

Lung Support Nurses 024 7696 5505

The Trust operates a smoke free policy.

If you feel you would like to stop smoking, there is help available from the Smoking Cessation Services in the hospital and the community.

Hospital Stop Smoking Services: 024 7696 4760

Please ask your Lung Nurse Specialist for further information.

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format, we will do our best to meet your needs. Please contact 024 7696 5505.

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