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Day Surgery Unit

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Placement Profile

The Day Surgery Unit is a surgical ward providing care for elective day surgical patients under a variety of specialties including general, orthopedic, breast, gynaecology, colorectal, urology, maxillofacial, ENT and Pain. The unit comprises an admissions area, 2 theatres, a recovery unit, 2 post-operative bays of 17 beds and 1 side room.

Ward managers contact details:

Thangaraju Murugesan (Team Leader) 01784 884211

Daily Routine

Rough timings	
07:30	Patients Arrive for morning admission
07:30-08:30	Patients assessed by admission staff, surgeons and anesthetist
08:30	Morning Surgery List Begins
08:30-09:00	Ward staff damp dust and complete safety checks post-operative bays
12:00-14:00	Lunch Break (30 minutes)
11:30-12:00	Afternoon patients arrive for admission
12:00-13:00	Afternoon patients assessed by admission staff, surgeons and anesthetist
13:00	Afternoon Lists Begin
20:00-21:00	Tidy Ward, lock up Unit
21:00	Unit Closes

Professional Behaviour

Adhere to the uniform policy whilst on placement, paying special attention to hair, nails, and jewellery. You will be required to wear scrubs while on placements and will need to change before and after. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on site. Mobile phones are not to be used in the clinical area. Always be open and honest and respectful to your colleagues and patients

Policies & Procedures

You will need to access and read the following policies as part of your induction; they are located on the Hospital Intranet. Fire, Health and Safety, Medicine Management, Minimal Handling, Infection Control Confidentiality, Missing Patient, Falls

Placement Requirements

You are required to work 4 shifts per week. The unit doesn't not open on bank holidays or weekends. Contact the ward at least 2 weeks prior to your start date, to discuss any specific off duty request/travel issues with the nurse in charge. Practice Assessors will be allocated to you either at this point or on your first day of placement.

Learning Opportunities

The Day Surgery Unit offers a unique learning experience with a wide variety of learning opportunities. You will have the opportunity to care for patients pre and post operatively, this can include administering medication, assessing wounds, taking observations and completing nurse lead discharges. You can spend time in theatres to observe surgery; learn how to scrub and circulate in the theatre, spend time in recovery caring for patients immediately post anaesthetic. You can attend bespoke placements such as pre-assessment, outpatient clinics.

Shift Pattern
Early 08:00-18:00
Late 11:00-21:00

Car Parking
Parking permits/ID cards will be arranged prior to commencing your induction.

Café/Restaurant
Please refer to your Student Information booklet sent out via email prior to induction.

Public Transport
Please refer to your Student Information booklet sent out via email prior to induction.