

Welcome



TO THE



SURGICAL UNIT!



**STUDENT NURSES
AND NEW STARTERS
PROFILE PACK**



Meet the team!

Matron: Louise Gill

Ward Manager: Stacey McMullen/ Pauline Denver (acting ward manager)

Ward Sisters: Pauline Denver

Lindzi Douglas

Hannah Jones

Wendy Barnes

LEM: Pauline Denver

Contact Numbers

Elective Surgery (Sellers) 01257 24(5179)/(5408)

Longton Unit: 01257 245721

Orthopaedic Surgery (Leyland) 01257 245747

Shift times

07:30 – 20:00 (12 hour shift with 30 min break in morning, 30 min break in afternoon)

Half shift 07:30 – 13:30 / 12:30 – 20:00

The Surgical Unit is made up of 4 areas

Sellers Ward (general surgery) – specialities: Upper GI, breast, urology, plastics, vascular, dentistry, ENT, colorectal.

Longton day-case unit- urology

Leyland Ward – orthopaedics (elective day case)

SECU – surgical enhanced care unit

Elective day-case has a quick turnover of patients with some only being on the unit for a couple of hours however on occasion patients may require to stay overnight as an inpatient due to: procedure, recovery, or no overnight care.

Core skills to be learnt:

- Holistic patient care
- Routine observations
- Injection technique
- Patient education
- Communication computer skills
- Monitoring fluid intake/output
- Surgical admissions and discharges
- Medications (mostly specific to surgery)
- Wound care for numerous different procedures
- Catheter care – bladder irrigation/bladder washouts
- Drain care
- Working in MDT (pre-op, physio, theatre staff, surgeons, anaesthetist, physio (breast))

Common medications used on the ward:

- Paracetamol
- Dihydrocodeine
- Diclofenac
- Cyclizine
- Ondansetron
- Metoclopramide
- Ibuprofen
- Clexane
- Dalteparin (fragmin)
- Trimethoprim
- Co-amoxiclav (augmentin)
- Oramorph

Spoke placement opportunities:

- Longton unit – urology day case
- Theatres
- Pre-op
- Leyland ward (orthopaedics)
- SECU – higher level of care than ward based but not requiring ICU bed.
Currently taking spinal and hip patients
- Breast physio
- Breast care unit

Acronyms and Abbreviations

- ABG Arterial Blood gas
- AF Atrial Fibrillation
- BM Blood glucose monitoring
- BP Blood Pressure
- CABG Coronary Artery Bypass Graft
- CD Controlled Drug
- CKD Chronic Kidney Disease
- COPD Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder
- CSU Catheter Specimen of Urine
- CT scan Computerised Tomography
- CVA Cerebral Vascular Accident
- CXR Chest X-Ray
- DNAR Do Not Attempt Resuscitation
- DVT Deep Vein Thrombosis
- ERCP Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangio-Pancreatography
- FBC Full Blood Count
- Hb Haemoglobin
- HTN Hypertension
- IDDM Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
- IHD Ischaemic Heart Disease
- IVI Intravenous Infusion
- IM Intra-Muscular
- Lap Laparoscopic (keyhole)
- LFT Liver Function Test
- LMWH Low Molecular Weight Heparin
- Mets Metastasis
- MDT Multi-Disciplinary Team
- MI Myocardial Infarction
- MRI Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- MSSU Mid-Stream Sample of Urine
- NAD Nothing Abnormal Detected

- NG Naso-Gastric
- NIDDM Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetic
- NSAID Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug
- OPA Outpatient Appointment
- PALS Patient Advice and Liaison Service
- PCA Patient Controlled Analgesia
- PE Pulmonary Embolism
- PPI Proton Pump Inhibitor
- PR Per Rectum
- PSA Prostate Specific Antigen
- Px Prescription
- RALP Robotic Assisted Laparoscopic Prostatectomy
- SLNB Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy
- SOB Shortness of Breath
- TRUS Trans-Rectal Ultra Sound
- TTO To Take Out
- TURBT Trans Urethral Resection of a Bladder Tumour
- TURP Trans Urethral Resection of the Prostate
- TWOC Trial Without Catheter
- U&E Urea and Electrolytes
- USS Ultra Sound Scan
- UTI Urinary Tract Infection
- VAD Vascular Access Device
- VTE Venous Thrombo Embolism
- WLE Wide Local Excision