Information for Patients

General Surgery
Hot Clinic

Ward 20, Surgical Assessment Unit
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Dear Patient,

We have offered you an appointment to attend the General Surgery Hot Clinic on Date…………………… at Time…………………….

The General Surgery Hot Clinic is located in the Surgical Assessment Unit (SAU) which is in Ward 20 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

What to bring?

We may have to admit you to the hospital, depending on the outcome of your consultation and investigation. We would therefore advise you to bring a small overnight bag with you. This should contain a recently washed dressing gown, pyjamas and slippers. Please also bring all current medications in their original containers.

Surgical Assessment Unit

Welcome to the Surgical Assessment Unit (SAU). Your GP or Accident and Emergency may have referred you to the Unit for further investigations and/or treatment by the surgical team.

Please note that at this stage you have not actually been admitted to hospital.

The purpose of this unit is to provide an urgent assessment of potentially surgical conditions. Depending on the outcome of your initial assessment, you may be given an appointment to attend the General Surgery Hot Clinic on Date…………………… at Time…………………….

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Further Information

What happens at the SAU?

On arrival to SAU a member of our nursing team will meet you and take you to an area where nursing staff can begin your initial assessment. This may involve taking blood samples (if they have not been taken in Accident and Emergency) and possibly a urine sample.

We do our best to carry out investigations as quickly as possible but we cannot obtain blood results until the labs have processed them, which takes at least an additional hour. We do our best to carry out all investigations and possibly a CT scan, but again this is dependent on the clinicians involved.

If you need an ultrasound we will try to arrange it for the same day. However, this is not always possible for a number of reasons and you may need to come back to the SAU to have it done. If this is not possible you may need to stay for a further investigation.

What happens next?

Once the results of your tests are available it may be possible to give you a diagnosis and plan for discharge home. In some cases, you may have to see the on-call surgeon before a decision is made. Where this is necessary we would ask you to be patient, as a lot of the surgeon’s time is spent operating on emergency cases, which leaves less time for you.

What happens next?

If you or your family have any questions or concerns, please speak to the nurse in charge.

Relatives and Carers

Telephone Number: 0141 314 9589 Monday to Friday 8.30am - 10:00pm