Intensive care unit

Seriously ill patients or those requiring specialised monitoring and treatment are cared for in our specially designed seven-bed, multi-purpose intensive care unit.

The adult Intensive Care Unit is led by a team dedicated consultant intensivists. Registered medical officers work in the unit 24 hours a day and are specialised in either anaesthesia or intensive care medicine.

A skilled and experienced nursing team is on duty at all times. Therapy is given to all critically ill patients.

Our physiotherapists visit the unit frequently. Each patient is reviewed for infection. The physiotherapists also screen and treat patients with post-operative pneumonia.

The pharmacist supplies the necessary medications. A dietitian coordinates with the nursing staff to ensure that the patients' dietary needs are met.

Speech and language therapists work closely with the patients and their families.

Gifts

We understand that you may wish to bring gifts for patients in the unit who are not able to eat or drink normally. Please do not bring flowers or plants until the patient leaves intensive care.

Items you might like to bring could include photographs and cards from the family, music or voice recordings or personal toiletries.

Planned and unplanned admissions

Most admissions to the intensive care unit are planned, usually as part of a major surgery programme. There are other occasions when patients may need to be transferred if their condition changes, and they need closer monitoring. A patient will usually be transferred back to their room when they are able to breathe on their own, and require less intensive monitoring.