

Integrated procedures unit

For patients attending for procedures under local anaesthetic

We hope you will be comfortable during your visit to the unit. Our aim is to provide the best possible care and to ensure that your stay with us runs smoothly. The staff are here to help. If you need any help please ask.

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 7:30pm

Contact:

0161 918 7292 or **7310** (direct line) or via the switchboard on **0161 446 3000** and ask for integrated procedures unit (IPU) (department 2).

We aim to provide a restful environment for patients before and during recovery from surgery. We ask that escorts are kept to a minimum. We regret that children are not allowed on the unit.

Facilities

A Marks and Spencer café and a WH Smith are located in the main entrance area for family members and visitors. Open Monday to Friday 7:00am - 9:00pm and Saturday and Sunday 8:00am - 5:00pm. You will also find toilets in the main entrance area. The main dining room on the main corridor and is open from 7:15am to 7:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Valuables

We advise patients not to bring valuables when coming to the unit. We cannot accept responsibility for any lost or stolen items. However, we do provide patients with lockers for their personal items.

Smoking

The Christie has a no-smoking policy. Patients and their relatives must not smoke anywhere in the hospital or the grounds during their stay with us. Your co-operation is much appreciated. For your general health and recovery it is advisable to stop smoking before your surgery. We can help you do this. For further information on smoking cessation please contact the complementary therapy team on **0161 918 7175**.

Meals

Refreshments are available during the day. Please contact us on **0161 918 7292** if you have any special dietary requirements. For some procedures it may be necessary for you not to have drinks or eat certain foods.



Day of procedure

When you arrive at the integrated procedures unit report to the receptionist who will tell the nursing staff of your arrival. A member of the nursing staff will welcome and admit you to the unit. This will involve checking your name and personal details, any known allergies and any medication you may be taking. We will ask you to change into a gown. We will escort you to a surgical theatre on the unit or in main theatres on the ground floor. You will be awake during the procedure. Before your treatment we will ask you to sign a consent form.

After your procedure

A member of the theatre staff will escort you to the second stage recovery area after your procedure on the IPU. After a suitable period of time (this will depend on what procedure you have had) you can change into your own clothes and have something to eat and drink.

Going home

The unit has nurse-led discharge which helps to reduce waiting time before going home. When you are ready to go home, the nurse will give you verbal and written information about pain relief, recovery from surgery and information about who to call if you have a problem after discharge. If the surgeon has requested a follow-up appointment, it will be either given to you before discharge or sent to you in the post.

When you are at home, if you have any problems regarding your recovery after 7:00pm, you can contact the surgical oncology ward on **0161 446 3860** or **0161 446 3862**.

If you need information in a different format, such as easy read, large print, BSL, braille, email, SMS text or other communication support, please tell your ward or clinic nurse.

The Christie is committed to producing high quality, evidence based information for patients. Our patient information adheres to the principles and quality statements of the Information Standard. If you would like to have details about the sources used please contact **patient.information@christie.nhs.uk**

For information and advice visit the cancer information centres at Withington, Oldham or Salford. Opening times can vary, please check before making a special journey.



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urgent support and specialist advice
The Christie Hotline: 0161 446 3658
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week