

Department of acute oncology
Planned admissions and transfer suite

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Welcome to the planned admissions and transfer (PAT) suite at The Christie. This information leaflet is designed to give you all the essential information about the patient journey from admission (planned or unplanned), transfer to the ward and then discharge home.

We are a nurse led unit which consists of the following team members:

- Assistant nurse practitioners (ANPs)
- Acute oncology team leader
- Junior sister
- Staff nurses
- Senior healthcare assistants

Our opening times are Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 9:00pm. The services we provide include planned admissions, an emergency assessment service and the discharge lounge.

Emergency admissions unit/ambulatory care

Our emergency admissions unit consists of 6 bed spaces and 4 ambulatory care chairs. You will be allocated a space that will allow us to deliver the best possible care for you while you are here. On arrival a nurse or healthcare assistant will assess you and perform observations and appropriate blood tests. You will then be seen by one of our ANPs who will then decide on your remaining care. This could range from going home, returning the following day for ambulatory care or admission to our oncology assessment unit (OAU), department 14.

Planned admissions

Our planned admissions range from inpatient systemic anti-cancer therapies to routine blood samples. You will be booked in prior to arrival. When you attend you will be asked to wait in the waiting area, so that we can set up your patient area appropriately for your ambulatory care or admission to an inpatient ward.

If you are waiting for an inpatient bed you will be able to go off the unit once you have had your blood samples taken and observations done, as

long as you stay on site and are well enough.

If you are coming for your ambulatory care, we will show you to your patient area which may be a chair or a bed. We will inform you of the plan and take observations and possible blood samples.

Your nurse will keep you informed of the plan throughout the day and keep you posted as to when your bed will be ready, or when you are able to go home. Lunch will be provided and tea and coffee will be available throughout the day.

Discharge lounge

The discharge lounge is a safe, pleasant and inviting area in department 25 on the PAT suite.

You will be asked to come and spend time in the discharge lounge once your discharge has been agreed with a medical professional and you are waiting to collect your tablets and your transport home. Your medication will be delivered to the discharge lounge.

You will be kept refreshed with hot and cold drinks and snacks until you are ready to leave the hospital site.

Please make sure you bring appropriate day wear as we do not allow pyjamas in the discharge lounge.

Contact numbers

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