



Day Ward Admission

General Anaesthetic



Tallaght Hospital

Statement of Values
Respect - Caring - Openness -
Partnership - Teamwork
Fairness & Equality

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Planning for discharge.

- From your admission we will be planning for your safe discharge from the hospital.
- You must arrange to be collected from the Day Ward by a responsible adult in either a car or taxi.

• Public transport is not suitable after a general anaesthetic.

- It is recommended that for 24 hours after your general anaesthetic you do not
 - Smoke
 - Consume alcoholic drinks
 - Drive or operate machinery
 - Enter into legally binding contracts
 - Undertake domestic cooking i.e. use of hot plates, electric or gas cookers.

If you have any queries you may contact us by:

Phone: 01 – 414 2486

Email : dayward@amnch.ie

You must leave your name phone number and a short message stating your query. We answer all queries and will respond as soon as possible.

Due to the high volume of calls & emails we may not be able to respond to you immediately.

What happens the morning of my admission?

- You will be admitted into a ward where nursing staff will carry out your admission and carry out some routine checks e.g. blood pressure, temperature.
- Medical staff will carry out a medical admission – you will also be asked to give your written consent for your procedure at this time.
- When theatre is ready you will be brought to the ‘holding bay’ in the operating theatre. This is an area where all your details are re-checked with you. From here you will go into the anaesthetic room where you will receive your anaesthetic.
- Following this you will have your operation. When your operation is finished you will stay in the recovery area in theatre until you are awake and comfortable.
- At this stage you will be brought back to the day ward where you will be looked after until you are fit for discharge

What do I do the night before my admission?

- You must not eat anything after midnight on the night before your operation. You may drink 'still' water until 6am. No chewing gum from 12 midnight.
- No alcohol or smoking for 24 hours before your admission.
- You should take a bath/shower before you come in.
- Do not apply any creams, powder or perfume after the bath/shower.
- You cannot wear any make up, nail varnish, jewellery or metal hairclips to surgery – this includes body piercings and gel/false nails.

What should I bring with me on the morning of my admission?

- If you wear glasses, contact lenses or hearing aids bring these with you along with cases to put them in. Bring a dressing gown and slippers.
- Please bring a phone number for the person collecting you.

DO NOT bring any valuables or large sums of money as the hospital will not accept responsibility.

Where do I go on the morning of my admission?

The Alice Reeves Day Ward is on the first floor of the hospital.

When you come in the front door walk past reception and the lifts are on your right and left. If you take the lift press level 2 (the ground floor is known as level 1) . Alternatively there is a staircase past the lifts on the right on the ground floor.

When you get out of the lift follow the corridor on your left and Alice Reeves Day Ward is straight in front of you.

What do I do when I get to the Day Ward?

[All patients must register at the front reception desk in the Day Ward](#)

When you come into the Day Ward turn right. There is a Q number machine on the wall – press the top button (marked Day Surgery/ Endoscopy). Take a ticket, take a seat and you will be called to Counter 1.

What happens at registration in the Day Ward on the morning of your admission?

You will be asked to confirm your details. Including –

- Name/ Address & Contact details
- Medical Card details (if applicable)
- Medical insurance policy details (if applicable)
- If you have Medical insurance you will be asked to complete a form to cover charges for this admission.

What charges will I be liable for?

Public Patients

Public patients are currently liable for a €75 Statutory Inpatient charge. (Medical Card holders are exempt)

Private Patients

Private patients will be liable for

- €75 Statutory Inpatient charge and a Semi Private bed charge (currently €753).