

Beech B

Beech B is a 34 bedded ward specialising predominantly in colorectal and bariatric surgery.

The ward cares for patients who are admitted for elective surgery and via the emergency surgical pathway. We also have patients that are admitted for diagnostics.

The ward is divided into 2 teams - Beech B1 and Beech B2 each ward has 17 beds.

Each team has a band 6 that leads the team to strive for excellent standards of care and supports the group of nurses within the team.

The ward has a band 7 who has a supervisory role to facilitate support, training and supervision of staff and patients Working alongside specialist nurses which include:

- Stoma care nurses
- Acute pain team
- Enhanced recovery nurses
- Tissue viability nurses
- Dietician
- Bariatric specialist nurse

The ward operates team nursing with a nurse to patient ratio of 1:6-8 with a HCA being allocated to each team.

As a trained member of staff on the ward you will receive training to become competent in:

- IV therapy (including the use of PICC lines and Central Venous Catheters)
- Venepuncture and cannulation
- Enteral and parenteral feeding, to include care of PEG feeding lines
- Care of patients with stomas and complex surgical wounds
- Epidural infusions

As a Healthcare Assistant on the ward you will:

- Receive training to carry out patient observations and calculations of PARS
- Attend a HCA training programme (Care certificate course)
- Receive IT training in conjunction with the Trust's IT systems
- Receive training to carry out venepuncture

All members of staff on the ward receive mandatory Trust training every year and there are a wide range of e-learning modules for all staff to complete. All members of staff receive an annual PDR & PDP. All members of staff also have the opportunity to take on a link nurse role in an area of practice in which they are interested.

Our aim is to create Gold standards of care for every patient through the 6 C's:

- Care – Caring is what you should be about. You must be committed to helping patients through every stage of their illness / treatment.
- Compassion – You must be empathetic and able to treat patients with respect and dignity when delivering their care.
- Competence – You must be willing to participate in education and training to enable you to deliver effective care and treatments.
- Communication – You must possess excellent communication and listening skills.
- Courage – You must be able to welcome change and new ways of working to benefit our patients.
- Commitment – By being committed to your work you will ensure patients receive excellent care and experiences of our health care service.

