

Severn Unit

Severn Unit is a 21 bedded ward. The ward cares for patients with Peripheral Vascular Disease, we take patients for major Vascular surgery and Interventional Radiological procedures from Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Mid-Wales and are proud to be classed as 'a clinical centre of excellence for the Midlands'.

The ward operates with a nurse to patient ratio of 1:6-8 plus 2 HCAs per shift.

The ward also has a supervisory Ward Sister to facilitate nursing 'the right patients, in the right place, at the right time'. Also to facilitate the support, training and supervision of all members of staff.

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

- IV therapy (including use of Central Venous Catheters & PICC lines)
- Venepuncture & cannulation
- Wound assessment and application of Topical Negative Pressure & Larvae therapy
- Removal of surgical, drains, sutures & clips
- And will receive a training session on Vascular conditions/complications/procedures

As a Healthcare Assistant on the ward you will;

- Receive training to carry out clinical observations and calculations of PARS
- Attend an HCA skills programme
- Receive IT training in conjunction with the Trusts IT systems
- Receive training to carry out venepuncture
- Receive training on basic vascular procedures/complications

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 6Cs:

- 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.

