

Vascular High Dependency Unit

Vascular High Dependency Unit is a four bedded level two unit predominantly taking patients post-operatively, following major vascular surgery.

The unit cares has a nurse to patient ratio of 1:2 and works closely with Severn Unit.

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 unit you will receive training to become competent in;

- IV therapy (including use of Central Venous devices & 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
- Invasive monitoring via arterial lines and central venous catheters
- Interpretation of basic ECG monitoring
- Use of Doppler

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.

