

## Beech Surgical High Dependency Unit (SHDU)

SHDU Ward is a 4 bedded level 2 Surgical Ward.

The ward cares for patients who require level 2 post op care for major abdominal surgery or any patient who is at risk of deteriorating for any reason.

The ward operates team nursing with a nurse to patient ratio of 1:2 registered nurses and a HCA Monday - Friday for 5 hours a day.

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:

- Transducing arterial pressure and central venous pressure
- Care of the patient who has a central venous catheter
- I.V therapy and use of inotropic drugs and vasopressors
- Care of arterial lines to include blood gas analysis and interpretation
- Care of the patient who requires respiratory support to include continuous positive airway pressure, Airvo and non-invasive ventilation
- Care of the patient with a tracheostomy
- Care of a patient who has had major abdominal surgery
- Stoma Care
- Competence in infection control
- Medicine management
- Care of the patient who requires cardiac monitoring to include rhythm interpretation
- Intermediate life support
- Care of the patient who has an epidural in situ and understand any complications that may occur
- Care of the patient who requires fluid resuscitation
- Interpretation of blood results

As a Healthcare Assistant on the ward you will:

- Assist the nurses in patient care

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.

