



Princess Alexandra Hospital
Ward 4D - Upper Gastrointestinal, Breast and Endocrine, Ophthalmology and Colorectal Surgery

Welcome to Ward 4D

Ward 4D at the Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) is a 28-bed inpatient acute surgical. It is a high acuity unit which provides specialised preoperative, management and post operative care to patients under Upper Gastrointestinal, Breast and Endocrine, Colorectal and Ophthalmology specialities.

Who You Will Care For on Ward 4D

- UGI surgery-gastrectomy and oesophagectomy
- Endocrine surgery-thyroidectomy and adrenalectomy
- Breast surgery-mastectomy and axillary clearances
- Melanoma and soft tissue surgeries-lymph node dissection
- Colorectal surgery-high and low anterior resection, formation of colostomy/ileostomy
- Ophthalmology surgery-vitrectomy and phacoemulsification
- General acute abdominal surgery admitted via the emergency department-appendectomy and cholecystectomy

Clinical Skills and Knowledge You Will Acquire

- Care for patients undergoing various procedures-insertion of pigtail drains, feeding tubes and central venous lines (CVL), endoscopy/colonoscopy
- Lines and Devices Management-intercostal catheters (ICCs), nasogastric tubes, feeding j-tubes and IDCs
- Pain management including patient controlled analgesia (PCA), epidural, regional blocks and NIKI pumps
- Complex wound management-negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT)
- Care of patients transferred from intensive care unit (ICU)



Your Graduate Journey On Ward 4D

- Ward orientation with Clinical Facilitator
- Specialty orientation packages
- Allocated preceptor for supernumerary shifts and continued support throughout graduate year
- Attend Graduate Nurse study day workshops
- Attend Surgical Specialities workshops

Why Choose the PAH

The PAH is a large tertiary health care centre, providing care in most major adult specialities.

- We are nationally recognised for our expertise in trauma management and major organ transplants
- We are one of Australia’s leading academic and research health centres
- Our nursing excellence is internationally recognised, and we are the only hospital in Queensland that has prestigiously been formally recognised as a Magnet organisation since 2004 by the *ANCC Magnet Recognition Program®*
- Continued Magnet Recognition ultimately recognises excellence in the practice of our 2,200 nurses, the delivery of high quality care, support for personal and professional development, the supportive team environment and the commitment and passion to safe person-centred care.

More information

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