

## Thank you for choosing Grampians Health - Stawell



### 1. What needs to happen now

To confirm your operation booking please complete:

1. Pre-Admission Patient Details
2. Pre-Anaesthetic Questionnaire
3. Patient Antithrombotic Medication Questionnaire

**Please return these forms immediately** - Via fax or email.

Otherwise return in reply paid envelope.

Please note that failure to return these forms more than 2 weeks prior to procedure may delay your procedure.

Email: [admissiondetails@srh.org.au](mailto:admissiondetails@srh.org.au)

Fax: (03) 5358 8520

Mail: REPLY PAID 79337, STAWELL VIC 3380

### 1. Before procedure

A Nurse from the Pre-Admission Clinic will telephone you for your Pre-Admission assessment prior to your procedure date.

### 2. The day prior to procedure

You will receive a **SMS message** with your admission time (*Cataract Surgery will be 2 days prior*).

If you do not receive a SMS message with your admission time by 4:00pm the day prior, please call (03) 5358 8500.

### 3. Day of Procedure

**Fasting:** Nothing to eat or drink.

**Food:** Nothing to eat 6 hours prior to your admission time.

**Fluids:** Nothing to drink 2 hours prior to your admission time (No Chewing gum allowed)

**Please note:** If you are having a Colonoscopy or Cataract procedure specific fasting instructions apply, please see your brochure.

Please bring a soft reusable bag for your belongings.

**Presenting to Hospital:**

On arrival you must stay in your car and call **(03) 5358 8524** for further instructions, before entering the hospital.

**Please ensure you have organised someone to pick you up from hospital and provide care for you overnight.**

### **More Information:**

For further assistance please contact the Pre-Admission team.

Telephone: (03) 5358 8569

Fax: (03) 5358 8520

Preadmission Email: [admissiondetails@srh.org.au](mailto:admissiondetails@srh.org.au)

Grampians Health – Stawell Website: [srh.org.au](http://srh.org.au)



## PRE-ADMISSION PATIENT DETAILS

**TO CONFIRM YOUR OPERATION BOOKING, PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO GRAMPPIANS HEALTH STAWELL IN THE ENCLOSED STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO Grampians Health**

**Mail: REPLY PAID 79337, STAWELL VIC 3380**

**Email: [admissiondetails@srh.org.au](mailto:admissiondetails@srh.org.au)**

**Fax: TO 03 5358 8520**

**Please complete all information and ✓ appropriate responses**

Title:  Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss  Master  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden/previous surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of birth (if Australia, please specify state): \_\_\_\_\_

Given name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Religion (if applicable) : \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you wish for a member of clergy to visit?  Yes  No

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you require an interpreter?  Yes  No

Work / mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_ If you require an interpreter, please indicate the language: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status:  Married  Single  Divorced  Separated  Defacto  Widowed

Are you (the patient) of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent?

No  Yes, Aboriginal  Yes, Torres Strait islander  Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Medicare number: \_\_\_\_\_ Position on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Pension or Health Care card number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Repatriation (DVA) number: \_\_\_\_\_  Gold card  Other

### FIRST CONTACT PERSON

### SECOND CONTACT PERSON

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Business / mobile phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Business / mobile phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of operation (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Surgeon performing the operation/treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

Operation/treatment to be performed: \_\_\_\_\_

Your usual Doctor/GP: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

### INPATIENT ELECTION: For this admission, do you elect to be admitted as:

Private patient – with Hospital Benefits Insurance  Department of Veterans Affairs patient

Private patient – self funded  WorkCover patient

Public patient (Medicare)  Transport Accident Commission patient

**If you have elected to be treated as a Private patient with hospital benefits insurance, please complete your health insurance details below**

Name of fund: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership number: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been a member for longer than 12 months?  Yes  No



# For patients having surgery at Stawell Regional Health



## Requirements for Heart (ECG) & Blood Pressure (BP) Check

**You will need to have the above done at your local doctor's clinic before surgery if you have any of the following:**

- ✓ **Are over 50 years of age**
- ✓ **Have a history of heart condition** i.e. High blood pressure, high Cholesterol or have a history of chest pain or any fainting/dizzy episodes
- ✓ **Are on Medication for Heart problems**
- ✓ **You have diabetes**

**If you have had a recent ECG (within the last 12 months) and have had no changes with your medical conditions, a previous ECG will be acceptable.**

**Please get your GP to send ECG and BP results with your NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND ADDRESS clearly visible on the results to:**

**Stawell Regional Health**

[admissiondetails@srh.org.au](mailto:admissiondetails@srh.org.au)

Fax 03 5358 8520

**For further information please contact the Preadmission Clinic:**

Stawell Regional Health

Sloane Street ♦ Stawell Victoria 3380

Phone 03 5358 8569 ♦ Fax 03 5358 8520

[admissiondetails@srh.org.au](mailto:admissiondetails@srh.org.au) ♦ [www.srh.org.au](http://www.srh.org.au)







PRE-ANAESTHETIC QUESTIONNAIRE

PATIENT ID NUMBER : \_\_\_\_\_
SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_
GIVEN NAME/S: \_\_\_\_\_
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_
DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_
(Affix patient identification label here)

Admission date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Expected discharge date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
Surgeon: \_\_\_\_\_ What operation are you having? \_\_\_\_\_

You are required to have an adult pick you up and care for you overnight following your procedure. Your surgery may be rescheduled if this is not organised. Please provide their details below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Language / cultural needs:
Main language spoken: \_\_\_\_\_ Other language: \_\_\_\_\_
Interpreter required? [ ]Yes [ ]No
Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? [ ]Yes [ ]No
If yes, do you wish to be referred to the Aboriginal Health Worker? [ ]Yes [ ]No
If yes, Pre Admission Nurse contact Budja Budja or Grampians Community Health (circle nominated service).

Sensory:
Do you wear glasses? [ ]Yes [ ]No (If yes, please bring case with you on admission)
Do you wear contact lenses? [ ]Yes [ ]No (If yes, please do not wear on day of surgery)
Do you wear hearing aids? [ ]Yes [ ]No
If yes, are they (circle): Both ears / Right ear / Left ear (Please wear on the day of surgery)

Legal directives:
Do you have an Advanced Care Directive? [ ]Yes [ ]No (If yes, please bring copy on admission)
Do you have a Medical Treatment Decision Maker? [ ]Yes [ ]No (If yes, please bring copy on admission)
If yes, who is the appointed person(s): \_\_\_\_\_
If yes, Pre Admission Nurse document on MR AA.

Neurological:
Do you have difficulty with memory, thinking or confusion e.g. dementia? [ ]Yes [ ]No
If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_
Do you have anxiety, depression or any mental health problems? [ ]Yes [ ]No
If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_
Do you have epilepsy, fits or blackouts? [ ]Yes [ ]No
If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Infections:
Have you had an infection resistant to antibiotics, e.g. MRSA (Golden Staph) / VRE (circle)? [ ]Yes [ ]No [ ]Other: \_\_\_\_\_
Have you been overseas within the last 21 days? [ ]Yes [ ]No
If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_
Have you been in hospital overseas? [ ]Yes [ ]No
If yes, when and where: \_\_\_\_\_

Blood transfusions:
Have you had a transfusion of blood or blood product before? [ ]Yes [ ]No
Have you had a reaction to the blood or blood products? [ ]Yes [ ]No
If yes, what was the reaction? \_\_\_\_\_
If yes, Pre Admission Nurse document on MRAA and MR165.



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**PRE ANAESTHETIC QUESTIONNAIRE**

PATIENT ID NUMBER : \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN NAME/S: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

(Affix patient identification label here)

**Cardiovascular:**

Do you suffer from current / previous heart conditions, or an irregular pulse? Yes No

If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have poor circulation / fluid in the legs? Yes No

If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you get chest pain? Yes No

If yes, date of last episode: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

If yes, is it angina  or other?  (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a pacemaker? Yes No Right side Left side

Do you have a chest port? Yes No Right side Left side

Do you have high blood pressure / cholesterol (circle)? Yes No

Have you had bleeding / blood clotting problems? Yes No

If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a family history of bleeding / blood clotting problems? Yes No

If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Respiratory:**

Do you smoke? Yes No Amount per day: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever smoked? Yes No Quit date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have sleep apnoea? Yes No

If yes, do you use a CPAP machine? Yes No

Do you have troublesome shortness of breath? Yes No If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had breathing problems needing hospitalisation? Yes No If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have asthma? Yes No

If yes, how often do you use an inhaler? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use home oxygen? Yes No

**Genitourinary:**

Are you pregnant? Yes No Unknown Not applicable

If yes, have you notified your surgeon? Yes No

Are you breastfeeding? Yes No

Do you have trouble passing urine? Yes No If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have kidney problems? Yes No If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Musculoskeletal:**

Do you have problems with your neck / back (circle)? Yes No If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Can you normally walk without stopping:**

- More than 2 flights stairs
- 2 flights stairs
- 1 flight stairs
- Half a flight of stairs
- Unable to walk
- What restricts you?

**How far can you walk on flat / level ground:**

- No limit
- Less than 1km

**Do you use?**

- Walking stick
- Frame
- Wheelchair
- No walking aids

Do you have problems with balance? Yes No

Have you had a fall in the last 12 months? Yes No

If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre Admission Nurse complete Falls Risk Assessment Tool and Prevention Plan MR198A as necessary.**

**Integumentary:**

Do you have any current rash / wounds to the skin? Yes No

If yes, what and where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had a pressure injury (bed sore)? Yes No

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_





**PRE ANAESTHETIC QUESTIONNAIRE**

PATIENT ID NUMBER : \_\_\_\_\_  
 SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GIVEN NAME/S: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Affix patient identification label here)

**Gastrointestinal tract:**

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ kg Height: \_\_\_\_\_ cm \_\_\_\_\_ feet Office use: BMI = \_\_\_\_\_

- Have you lost weight recently without trying? Yes No If yes, how much? \_\_\_\_\_ kg  
 Do you have a reduced appetite? Yes No  
 Do you have any food allergies/sensitivities? Yes No  
 If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, is it with anaphylaxis? Yes No

**For all food allergies, Pre-Admission Nurse to email food services staff and document on MRAA and MR165. For anaphylaxis, also email Dietitian.**

- Do you have any special dietary requirements? Yes No  
 If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre Admission Nurse email kitchen as required.**

- Do you get indigestion / heartburn / reflux? Yes No

- Do you have a liver condition? Yes No

If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you drink alcohol? Yes No If yes, glasses / day: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you have trouble with your bowels? Yes No

If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you have an ostomy? Yes No

If yes, specify type: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you have full dentures? Yes No Top Bottom

- Do you have partial dentures / plate? Yes No Top Bottom

- Do you have caps / crowns / loose teeth (circle)? Yes No Top Bottom

- Do you have mouth / tongue piercings? Yes No

- Do you have problems with your teeth / gums? Yes No

If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you have difficulty opening your mouth / swallowing (circle)? Yes No

**Endocrine / immune system:**

- Are you diabetic? Yes No  
 If yes: Type 1 Type 2  
 Are you on? Insulin Tablets by mouth Diet controlled

**Pre Admission Nurse obtain consent to email Diabetes Educators if inpatient.**

- Child: Immunisations up to date? Yes No N/A  
 Are you receiving chemotherapy? Yes No If yes, date last given: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Specialist doctors:**

- Have you seen any other specialist doctors in the last 5 years? Yes No

Reason for seeing:	Doctor's name:	Dr's phone number:	Last visit:

**Other conditions:**

- Do you have any other physical problems or medical conditions not mentioned above? Yes No

If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_



PATIENT ID NUMBER : \_\_\_\_\_  
 SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GIVEN NAME/S: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PRE-ANAESTHETIC QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Medications:**

Do you have any medication allergies / sensitivities?  Yes  No  
 If yes, specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, is it with anaphylaxis?  Yes  No  
**If yes, Pre Admission Nurse document on MRAA and MR165.**  
 Have you had cortisone in the past 6 months?  Yes  No  
 Do you take any medications (including puffers/inhalers)?  Yes  No  
**If yes and inpatient > 24 hours, PAC Nurse to complete the Medication Management Plan MR168.**

Please list medications:	Dose:	Time taken:

**Previous anaesthetics / operations (please list):**

Operation:	Hospital:	Year:	Problems / comments:

Have you or your family had problems with anaesthetics in the past?  Yes  No  
 If yes, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you have any prostheses / implants / metal pins, plates, screws?  Yes  No  
 If yes, what type and where are they? \_\_\_\_\_

**Social / home services:**

Do you live in?  House / Flat / Unit  Caravan  Hostel / Retirement Village  Nursing Home  
 Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you live alone?  Yes  No  
 Do you have problems managing self-care?  Yes  No  
 Do you use?  Meals on Wheels  Home Help / House-cleaner  District Nursing  
 Other e.g. carer (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Form completed by (Sign): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to patient: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clinician Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Designation: \_\_\_\_\_



# PATIENT ANTITHROMBOTIC MEDICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

PATIENT ID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FORENAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 D.O.B: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

## PATIENT TO COMPLETE

Are you using any of the blood thinning medications listed below  
(please circle yes or no)

Yes No **ASPIRIN**  
(Astrix®/Solprin®/Cartia®)

Yes No **WARFARIN**  
(Coumadin®/Marevan®)

Yes No **APIXABAN**  
(Eliquis®)

Yes No **DABIGATRAN**  
(Pradaxa®)

Yes No **RIVAROXABAN**  
(Xarelto®)

Yes No **CLOPIDOGREL**  
(Plavix®/Iscover®)

Yes No **CLOPIDOGREL / ASPIRIN**  
(Co-Plavix®)

Yes No **PRASUGREL**  
(Effient®)

Yes No **TICAGRELOR**  
(Brillinta®)

Yes No **DIPYRIDAMOLE**  
(Persantan®)

Yes No **DIPYRIDAMOLE/ASPIRIN**  
(Asasantin®)

Yes No **ENOXAPARIN**  
(Clexane®)

Yes No **DALTEPARIN**  
(Fragmin®)

Yes No **FONDAPARINUX**  
(Arixtra®)

Yes No **HEPARIN**

Yes No **ECHINACEA**

Yes No **FEVER FEW**

Yes No **FISH OILS**  
(Fish/Salmon/Krill/Calamari)

Yes No **GARLIC**

Yes No **GINGKO**

Yes No **GINGER**

Yes No **GINSENG**

Yes No **St JOHNS WART**

Yes No **VITAMIN E**

If you are taking **ANY** of the blood thinning medications listed above, please consult your Doctor at least **TWO** weeks before your procedure to gain advice on stopping them. Please take this questionnaire with you for your Doctor to complete the section on the back of this form.

Form completed by (print name): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to patient (if applicable eg. parent): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



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PATIENT ID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FORENAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_      SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

**PATIENT ANTITHROMBOTIC  
MEDICATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

**GENERAL PRACTITIONER TO COMPLETE**

**(If your patient has circled yes to any of the medication over the page,  
please assess the following questions and document appropriately)**

- YES      NO      Is this patient at a high risk of clotting if regular anticoagulant is ceased prior to this procedure
- YES      NO      Is this patient on an antiplatelet medication for a recent Cardiac stent (if stent within the last 2 years, seek specialist advice)
- YES      NO      Does this patient require bridging anticoagulation before this procedure?  
If yes please document the following:  
Medication required for bridging \_\_\_\_\_  
Dose required \_\_\_\_\_  
Start date of bridging medication \_\_\_\_\_
- YES      NO      INR test required      If yes date of test \_\_\_\_\_
- YES      NO      Follow up appointment and INR post procedure booked \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the following questions if a patient has had their regular anticoagulation treatment ceased prior to this procedure**

Operation being performed \_\_\_\_\_

Plan for anticoagulation post procedure (include date to restart regular medication, and any bridging required)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

YES      NO      Does the patient require District Nursing to administer medication on discharge?

YES      NO      Has the patient been informed on the above plan for anticoagulation?

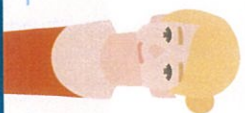
Section completed by (print name and designation): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Place of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

## Information

**Ask for help if you don't understand something.**  
You can bring someone with you to appointments to help you understand information.



You have the right to get clear information about your health and different services available, such as public and private options.

You need to give informed consent before having any treatment. This means you fully understand your treatment options, the possible benefits and risks, and the costs.

You should be given information about your healthcare options, where to go, waiting times and if you'll need to pay for anything.

If something goes wrong during your health care, you have the right to be told about it. The health service should explain what happened, how you may be affected and what is being done to make care safer.

## Privacy



**Your privacy should be respected**  
in all places such as hospital wards and waiting rooms.

You have the right to have your privacy respected. This includes the privacy of your body, belongings, information and personal space.

Your personal and medical information must be kept secure and confidential.

## Give feedback

You have the right to provide feedback or make a complaint. Your concerns should be addressed openly and within a reasonable time frame. Providing feedback or a complaint should not negatively affect the way you are treated.

Sharing your experiences can improve the quality of health care.

If you are concerned that your rights have not been met, talk with your clinician or health service organisation. If you are not able to do this, or are not happy with their response, contact the health complaints organisation in your state or territory.

For more information about the Charter or the contact details for health complaints organisations, visit:

[www.safetyandquality.gov.au/your-rights](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/your-rights)



**Ask at the healthcare service for more information about your healthcare rights.**

Level 5, 255 Elizabeth Street  
Sydney NSW 2000  
GPO Box 5480  
Sydney NSW 2001

Telephone: (02) 9126 3600  
mail@safetyandquality.gov.au

[safetyandquality.gov.au](http://safetyandquality.gov.au)



AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION  
ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE

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## My Healthcare Rights



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You have the right to safe and high-quality health care, as described in the **Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights (the Charter)**.

The Charter explains what you or someone you care for can expect when receiving health care.

The rights apply to everyone and everywhere health care is provided in Australia.

Take the time to read and understand your rights.

This brochure describes the **seven rights in the Charter**.



## Access

You have the right to use healthcare services and receive treatment when you need it.



You have a right to receive health care that meets your needs.

Medicare helps with the costs of seeing a doctor, as well as many treatments and medicines. You have a right to know, before you receive treatment, if there are any fees and charges that you need to pay.

Health service organisations need to provide an environment that enables people with a disability to use its services.

## Safety

You have the right to be cared for in a place that is safe and makes you feel safe.



You have the right to receive safe and high-quality health care that meets national standards.

Your health care and treatment should be based on the best available evidence, and your needs and preferences.

If you are concerned about your health, notice a worrying change or think something has been missed, you have the right to ask for a review.

## Respect

Your health service organisation should recognise and respect your culture, identity and beliefs.



You have the right to be treated with dignity, respect and compassion.

You should be asked about your needs, and your care should reflect your choices.

## Partnership

Sharing information with your clinician can help you receive care that is right for you.



You have the right to be treated as an equal partner in your health care. You can ask as many questions as you need to. Your clinician should talk to you about your health care openly and honestly.

You can include other people in your care, such as family, friends, a carer or a consumer advocate.



“Are you worried?”

## Blue Flag call

Blue Flag is a three-step process to support patients of any age, their families and carers, to raise concerns if a patient's health condition is getting worse or not improving as well as expected.

**The Blue Flag escalation process is as follows:**

- Step 1: Talk to a nurse or doctor about your concerns. If you are not satisfied with the response, go to the next step.
- Step 2: Talk to the nurse in charge of the shift. If you are not satisfied with the response, go to the next step.
- Step 3: Ask the nurse in charge of the shift to place a Blue Flag call to the Executive on call.

## SRH supports Blue Flag.

Requesting a Blue Flag call will not have a negative impact on your care.

## Who can use Blue Flag?

•Patients •Families •Guardians •Carers

## When to use Blue Flag?

### Patients

When you feel your health condition is getting worse and you are worried.

### Families/carers

When the patient is looking worse or is not doing as well as expected.

When the patient shows any behaviour that is not normal for them.

## When not to use Blue Flag?

Please do not use Blue Flag for any concerns which do not relate to the patient's health condition getting worse or not improving as expected. If you have any complaints or suggestions please ask for complaints form from the nurses.

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# Looking after your cannula

## What you need to know

If you need to have medicines or fluids directly into your bloodstream, you may need a cannula.

A cannula is a small flexible tube that is inserted into a vein. It may also be called a peripheral intravenous catheter, IV, or drip. It is usually inserted into a vein in your arm, hand or foot and is connected to medicines and fluids when you need them.

This information lets you know what you can do to help avoid problems and to stay as comfortable as possible with your cannula.

## What you can do

### Tell your healthcare team about your past experiences

A member of your healthcare team will talk to you about having a cannula before it is inserted. For some people, inserting a cannula is more difficult because of their age, medical condition, vein health or the treatment being used.

#### It is important for you to tell your healthcare team:

- If it has taken several attempts to insert a cannula for you in the past
- Anything that has worked well before
- Your preference or any physical problems that could affect where the cannula is placed
- Any allergies you have, such as to tapes and dressings.



## ✓ Help to prevent complications

Problems can include pain and discomfort, leakage from the cannula onto your skin or below the skin, blockages, or germs getting into your bloodstream causing infection.

### To help to look after your cannula:

- Protect it from knocks or being pulled
- Wear loose clothing over the cannula
- Do not touch, fiddle with, or move the device
- Keep the cannula and the dressing site clean and dry and try not to get it wet in the shower
- Make sure the dressing stays in place
- Keep your hands clean by washing with soap or using sanitiser.

## ✓ Report any problems or concerns

Your healthcare team will provide regular care to prevent complications from developing. Let them know if you have any concerns about your cannula at any time.

### It is important that you tell your healthcare team if you notice:

- Redness, pain or swelling at the insertion site
- Feeling hot, cold or shivery
- Leakage from the device
- The dressing getting wet, bloodstained or loose.

If you have any of these problems in the first few days after you leave hospital, seek medical advice.

## ✓ Check if your cannula is still needed

Your cannula should be removed if it is no longer needed.

### Speak to your healthcare team if your cannula:

- Has not been used in the last 24 hours to check if you still need it
- Has not been removed before you go home, unless you need ongoing treatment.

## Questions?

If you have any questions about your cannula talk to a member of your healthcare team.

