

Princess Alexandra Hospital

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

Unit information

Ward 4D is a 28-bed inpatient acute surgical unit at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. It is a high acuity unit which provides specialised services to patients requiring surgery and management of conditions associated with Upper Gastrointestinal, Breast and Endocrine, Colorectal and Ophthalmology specialities.

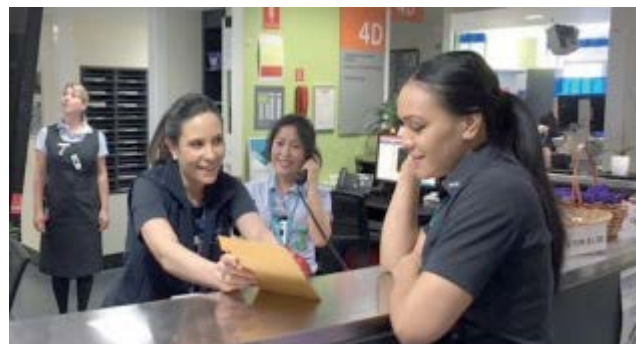
Types of patients on 4D

4D care pre and post-operatively for many different types of patients, these include:

- UGI surgery-gastrectomy and oesophagectomy
- Major endocrine surgery-thyroidectomy and adrenalectomy
- Breast cancer surgery-mastectomy and axillary clearances
- Melanoma and soft tissue surgeries
- General acute abdominal surgery admitted via emergency department-appendectomy and cholecystectomy
- Major colorectal surgery-high and low anterior resection, formation of colostomy/ileostomy
- Ophthalmology surgery-vitreotomy and phacoemulsification

Clinical Skills and Knowledge to acquire on 4D

- Care for patients undergoing various procedures-insertion of pigtail drains, feeding tubes and PICC lines
- Pain management including patient controlled analgesia (PCA), epidural, regional blocks and NIKI pumps
- Wound management-surgical and non-surgical
- Drain management-intercostal catheters (ICCs), nasogastric tubes, feeding j-tubes and IDCs
- Care for patients undergoing endoscopy / colonoscopy procedures
- Care of patients transferred from intensive care unit (ICU)



Graduate nurse opportunities on 4D

- Ward Orientation with ward Clinical Facilitator (CF)
- Specialty orientation packages
- Allocated preceptor for support throughout graduate year
- Supernumerary shifts with preceptor
- Graduate nurse study day programs
- Surgical specialities workshops

Hospital Overview

Princess Alexandra Hospital (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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