

Pathway for renal patient admissions during covid-19, and acceptance of patients into the only 2 side rooms for the tertiary service (of which only 1 has a bathroom). Updated 2/12/2020.

Triage/assess the patient for Covid-19 and put the assessment in the patient's notes:
https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/library/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/10/Covid281.1_PPE-for-COVID19-updated-guidance-V6-22.10.20.pdf
 Don't forget to consider whether a Flu swab is needed (separate swab and specimen bag required).

No patient can be accepted into a green/low risk bed without either a routine PCR or Rapid* swab result.

No Covid-19 symptoms or recent contact with Covid-19 case and routine PCR swab within 48hrs is negative (72hrs for electives, who have then self-isolated from test date).

No Covid-19 symptoms or recent contact with Covid case, but swab result not available.

Confirmed Covid-19
 OR
Covid test negative but with clinical or radiological suspicion that has been discussed with Infectious Disease (ID) consultant on 65207 (in hours) or on call ID/Micro consultant via switchboard (out of hours).
 OR
Patients who declined a swab but need urgent care.

Admit low risk patient to GREEN bay bed Repeat PCR swab pre discharge if transferring to another care facility (care home, rehab etc request swab within 48hr). Repeat routine PCR swab routinely at day 3, day 5, and then weekly.

Where is the medium risk patient?

Only high risk renal patients that can be managed in no other location (except ITU) can be accepted to the side room. Only a renal consultant can accept ANY RED patient (day or night)

Fill in or review treatment escalation plan

Acute Floor (A+E/AAU /EACU).

Another ward, care setting or hospital (including PRH).

Dialysis, OPD or home.

Patient to remain in current location until swab result is available.
 OR
If for clinical or operational reasons the transfer is urgent then:

- Rapid* swab & wait for result.
- Rapid* swab & transfer to treatment area in renal (for acute dialysis only).
- Rapid* swab & transfer to side room if available.

Rapid* swab & stay where they are (or treatment room on L8 or L9 out of hours as holding area) until result back.

Consultant accepts. Admit to Side room 6
 Side room 5 for immobile patients only (no bathroom)
 OR
Consultant declined.
 CSM to find bed. Consultant to advise if staying under care of renal or handover to suitable team

Swab result is NEGATIVE

Swab result is POSITIVE

Order 'red' clean for room

Fill in or r/v treatment escalation plan

***How to arrange rapid swab:** https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/library/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/11/Covid283_Rapid-swab-coordinator-SOP-v2-F.pdf
 Please note you could have to wait several hours for a Rapid swab slot at busy times