

Pathway for vascular patient admissions during covid-19, and acceptance of medium & high risk patients into side rooms, whilst enabling this service to maintain an ultra-green area for high risk elective patients (see L8 tower elective pathway). Updated 22/12/2020.

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).
Repeat the swab on admission (Day 1).

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 a standard 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?

Acute Floor
A+E/ AAU/ EACU

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

Only high risk VASCULAR patients can be accepted into a side room.
Only a vascular consultant can accept ANY RED patient (day or night)

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 side room if available.

Consultant accepts. Admit to side room
Or
Consultant declined - CSM to find bed. Consultant to advise if staying under care of vascular or handover to suitable team

Fill in or review treatment escalation plan

Swab result is NEGATIVE

Swab result is POSITIVE

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-coordiantor-SOP-v2-F.pdf
Please note you could have to wait several hours for a Rapid swab slot at busy times