

Royal Brompton Hospital

# Getting patients home sooner after lung treatment





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## What is changing?

We are introducing a morning discharge procedure for patients who have had treatment for their lung condition.

This means that as many patients as possible will be discharged before midday on the day they are due to leave hospital.

## Why am I being asked to leave my hospital bed area before midday?

You will only be asked to move from your bed area if we are sure you are well enough to do so.

Bringing forward your discharge time means we can treat more patients in any given day, which will reduce waiting times. It also means patients can be seen and treated earlier on in the day, which is often more convenient for them. Patients have told us they want to go home as soon as they are medically fit.

## Do all patients need to leave the bed area before midday?

If you need clinical care or have specific care needs, you will still be able to stay in a hospital bed while you wait for your family/friend to take you home.

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If you are in a side room and your medical team agree it is appropriate, we will still aim for you to leave before midday.

If it is possible, we will finish your medical treatment on the morning of your discharge.

## **Where can I go after leaving my hospital bed if I am not able to go straight home?**

There is a communal lounge at the hospital for you to use.

A separate lounge is available for patients who should not use the main lounge due to the risk of cross-infection.

## **Will I still be able to have lunch or hot drinks?**

Lunch and drinks will be provided for you until you leave hospital, either in the bed area or the lounge area, depending on where you are.

## **Will my medicines be ready in time for me leaving hospital?**

We will have any medicines that you need to take home with you ready in plenty of time before you leave hospital.

We will also give you a discharge letter before you leave, which summarises the treatment you received in hospital, any test results, any changes to your medication and what follow up you need. A copy of this letter will be sent to your GP.

## **I am eligible for hospital transport. Where do I wait?**

If you need to wait for hospital transport, the nurse and transport staff will tell you when the transport is ready, and you will be collected from the lounge (whichever lounge you are in).

## **Will I see a doctor before I leave?**

You will usually see a doctor, but it may be the evening before you leave hospital.

Your nurse will always be on hand and will call the doctor in the unlikely event that your medical condition changes and/or if there are any outstanding medical issues.



## Contact details

If you would like further information, please speak to your nurse or doctor. You can also contact the ward sister/charge nurse:

Foulis Ward: **020 7351 8069**

Victoria Ward: **020 7351 8067**

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If you have any concerns about the service you receive in hospital, and don't feel you can speak to those who are looking after you, you can call the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Royal Brompton Hospital on: 020 7349 7715. You can also email: [pals@rbht.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@rbht.nhs.uk). PALS is a confidential service that provides support and advice to patients, families and carers.



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