

# Your Theatre Journey

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Your hospital admission is for a pre planned surgical procedure. This leaflet has been designed to give you information of your journey in the theatre department and how your safety is maintained.

The theatre environment consists of four separate areas and whilst you are in this setting you will spend time in all four areas.

## 1. Theatre Reception

A member of the theatre team will come to the ward to escort you to theatre. You will be taken to theatre reception where you will be allocated a theatre trolley.

A qualified nurse will come and ask you to confirm your name, date of birth, address, hospital number and NHS number. You will be asked to confirm your surgical procedure, and any surgical site markings will be checked. These questions are legal requirements set by the World Health Organisation (WHO), to ensure patient safety. All four areas in the theatre department comply with the WHO safety checks.

After these checks have been completed you will wait in reception until it is time for your surgical procedure. A member of the theatre team will be with you throughout your time in all four areas.

## 2. Anaesthetic Room

From theatre reception you will be taken to the anaesthetic room. Here a further set of WHO patient safety checks are asked, consisting of confirming your name and surgical procedure. You will also be shown

your signed consent form to confirm your permission for the procedure to take place.

A monitor will be set up to record your blood pressure, pulse and your blood oxygen levels. This will remain with you throughout your surgical procedure and into the recovery room. Intravenous access (within a vein) will be gained to administer a general anaesthetic. This is usually in the back of your hand, however on some occasions another site may be chosen. After you have been anaesthetised you will be transferred into the theatre.

## 3. Theatre

Whilst in theatre and before your surgical procedure begins, further WHO patient safety checks are completed. The surgeon and the theatre nurse confirm these checks from your surgical documentation and your identification bracelets. If your surgical site has been marked, this will also be checked.

After your surgical procedure you will be woken up in the theatre and then transferred to the recovery room.

## 4. Recovery Room

Following your general anaesthetic and surgical procedure, a nurse will continue your care and closely observe you whilst you are in the recovery room. The nurse will inform the ward when you are ready to be taken back to the ward. You will be transferred to the ward on a theatre trolley by a member of the theatre team and the nurse who has come to collect you from the ward.

## Further Information:

If you require any further information then please speak to the nurse in charge of your ward or to your doctor.

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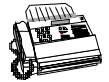
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