Oncology Day Ward
Sir Paul Boffa Hospital

“Our Mission at Sir Paul Boffa Hospital is to provide high quality treatment in accordance with holistic care plans that address the individual needs of patients and their carers, guided by the principles of team work, integrity, human dignity, solidarity and cost-effectiveness.”

Mission Statement SPBH

Important Information

Oncology Day Ward Opening hours: 7.30am-4.30pm
Oncology Doctors Service hours: 7.45am-2pm
Prescription Hours: Mon-Fri 11am-1pm
Sat 10.30am-11.30am
Bleeding Room: Mon-Sun 7.30am-2pm
Lab Hours: Mon-Sat 7.15am-11.45pm

Notes

This information has been designed to give you an overview of the Oncology Day Ward at Sir Paul Boffa Hospital and some of the services that you may use throughout your experience.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff.

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For the Oncology Day Ward
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Other Services Available
By appointment

- Clinical Psychologist
  Tel: 22987161
- Chaplain Services
  Tel: 22987407
- Occupational Therapy Services
  Tel: 22987174
- Pharmaceutical Services
  Tel: 22987128
- Physiotherapy Services
  Tel: 22987213
- Radiotherapy Department
  Tel: 22987147
- Radiotherapy Out Patients
  Tel: 22987178
- Social Workers
  Tel: 22987102

Oncology Day Ward
Direct Telephone Number: 22987143
Boffa Hospital Operator: 21224491
Welcome to the Oncology Day Ward

- The Oncology Day Ward provides care for people who are receiving their treatment as a day case.
- At the day ward chemotherapy is generally administered from Monday to Friday. On Saturdays and Sundays, the ward is open for other treatments and procedures.
- The Oncology Day Ward is staffed by doctors, nurses, and health care assistants who are responsible for the day-to-day care of patients and their families or carers.

Calling for an appointment

- Appointments are given when you are first referred and then regularly whilst taking treatment.
- If you develop a problem, you should first see your family doctor or health centre. If you are referred, patients are asked to phone the ward for an appointment (Tel: 22987143).
- If the problem is urgent, you have to call the ward prior to attendance.
- Urgent appointments are given at doctors’ discretion.
- Urgent appointments include:
  - Patients on chemotherapy who develop fever or bleeding/bruising
  - Patients who develop sudden weakness in their lower limbs
  - Severe shortness of breath
  - Persistent vomiting and/or diarrhoea.
- Reviews and procedures are given an appointment after 10 am. Your co-operation is highly appreciated.
- Non-urgent calls are dealt with after 11 am.

Your Appointment

It is important that someone due for chemotherapy is at the Day Ward according to their appointment time to avoid overcrowding the ward. The appointment time is the time you are required to be at the day ward with blood results ready. After blood results are assessed and if found to be within normal limits, the doctor will order your chemotherapy from the Pharmacy. Once pharmacy receives the prescription, it can take up to 2-3 hours for the chemotherapy to reach the unit. Once treatment is at the Day ward staff can give an estimated time frame for infusion. Therefore, we suggest that you keep the whole day free and it would therefore be a good idea to bring a book with you.

Accompanying Visitors

- Patients may bring a relative or friend with them. Accompanying visitors are restricted to one per patient.
- Kindly wait in the designated waiting areas in order to facilitate the smooth running of daily ward activities.
- To help us prevent the spread of any infections, we ask that all patients and visitors use the hand rub on entering and leaving the ward, and observe general hygiene rules.
- Relatives with flu symptoms, diarrhoea, or other infections are kindly asked not to come to the ward.

Transport

Hospital transport may be booked beforehand if you have transportation difficulties. Please tell the Nurses to make arrangements for you.

Canceling Your Appointment

If you wish to cancel your appointment, please inform the ward beforehand so we can offer the appointment to another patient.

What to bring with you

- Your appointment card
- List of medication if taking any
- Yellow Card and other special permits for special drugs
- You might want to bring a book with you or your laptop. Free Wi-Fi is available in the ward.
- Have water or fruit juice ready during the chemotherapy session.
- If the chemotherapy session is to be fairly long (and especially if you are diabetic), get a healthy snack with you to eat if you get hungry during the chemotherapy session. It is advised to have a light breakfast before coming for the session.

Parking Permits

Special parking permits can be obtained from the Hospital Operator to park in designated areas outside the hospital. These are available on a first-come first-served basis and you need to present an ID Card.

Wheelchairs

These are available on first-come first-served basis, from the Hospital Reception or Day Ward Reception Desk, on presentation of an ID Card.