



Pre-admission Service

Pre-admission Clinic Appointment

Information for parents and carers

Introduction

This leaflet aims to provide you with information about the Pre-assessment Clinic and what to expect when you and your child attend. An appointment at this clinic is for both you and our staff to discuss your child's planned admission before they are admitted.

What will happen at this Pre-assessment Clinic appointment?

The Pre-assessment Nurse will meet you and your child and will record your child's medical history and any other information needed before your child is admitted to hospital. You will be asked about any medicines your child takes regularly, for example inhalers, creams, eye drops etc. The nurse will take your child's blood pressure, measure their height and record their weight.

You will be offered information about any care your child will need before and after the operation. This includes a leaflet about the anaesthetic process and what this involves. Sometimes it is helpful for the anaesthetist to meet you at this appointment to explain more about the anaesthetic. The nurse will provide you with leaflets about preparation for surgery, the specific operation and recovery following discharge from hospital.

We can also start making plans for your child's recovery so that if you need any equipment or supplies, these can be arranged beforehand.

How long will the Pre-admission clinic appointment last?

The appointment could take up to 60 minutes. To avoid any delays on the day of operation/procedure and reduce the risk of cancellation your child may need to attend other departments for further investigations. Please allow **up to two hours** for your visit.

What further test and investigations may my child need?

Your child may be required to have various tests/investigations in other areas of our hospital for example:

- Anaesthetic Assessment
- Blood tests
- MRSA Screening
- X-Ray
- Ultrasound
- ECG

Where do we need to go for our appointment?

The Pre-assessment Clinic takes place in the Outpatients Department on the ground floor of Alder Hey Hospital. Please report to the Outpatients Desk in atrium to check in for your appointment.

What do I need to bring with me?

As well as any medication that your child is currently taking including inhalers please bring your child's red book.

What should we do if we cannot attend the appointment?

If the appointment date or time is not convenient, please contact the Pre-assessment Service on 0151 252 5845 and another appointment will be arranged.

Please note: If you do not attend the Pre-assessment Clinic appointment your child's admission could be delayed or even cancelled.

If my child is worried about being admitted can you offer help?

Yes, we can arrange for a play specialist or other members of the team to help prepare your child for their admission.

Who can I contact for information?

Your admission letter will advise you who to contact if you have any problems with your admission time and date. For other queries please contact the Pre-assessment Office on:

Between the hours of 0151 252 5845
 8am – 5pm
 Monday to Friday.

Car Parking

There is a multi-storey car park located at the **East Prescott Road** entrance. There is no longer a ticketing system and the £2 per day fee for parking is payable via a token machine (cash only) in the atrium near to the entrance of the car park.

This fact sheet only gives general information. You must always discuss the individual treatment of your child with the appropriate member of staff. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about your child's treatment.

This information can be made available in other languages and formats if requested.

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