

Booking an Endoscopy Procedure

Please read this in conjunction with the main appointments and admissions guidelines.

Follow the normal booking pathway for admitting a patient for an endoscopy procedure. There are a few amendment which you should be aware of:

- All endoscopy patients will be pre-assessed. The pre-assessment team will manage patients through the correct pathways which will also include COVID-19 testing
- Patients undertaking elective treatment will be required to self-isolate for 14 days (or be in the shielding category) and test negative for COVID-19 at 72 hours before their admission. They will then follow the green pathway
- Patients who require urgent admission or where the patient is unable to isolate will follow the blue pathway. Patients requiring only local anaesthetic or light sedation may also follow the blue pathway.

Admission and the Procedure

- Patients are asked to come to either the *blue* or *green* pathway entrance at 20 Devonshire Place depending on their assignment.

20 Devonshire Place	
Blue entrance	Main entrance
Green entrance	To right of main entrance

- All entrances will be clearly marked and staff will be present to help direct patients
- Consultants should use the blue entrances
- The patient will have their temperature checked and be screened once again for symptoms of covid-19. If they show signs of covid-19 they will be assessed by a senior nurse and you will be contacted. The patient may be asked to self-isolate for 14 days and their procedure re-scheduled. We will also take a Covid-19 swab test from the patient
- Patients will be given a facemask to wear in public areas.

The Patient Experience

- There is still a no visitor policy in place with the exception for carers and interpreters. We will support patients as much as we can and we encourage the use of mobile devices so that people can keep in contact with loved ones
- We recognise that patients must be accompanied home following an endoscopy procedure, they may be collected by their companion from the main reception
- Patients will still be able to eat following their procedure and we will provide a normal service to Endoscopy
- Magazines have been withdrawn from general waiting areas, however newspapers and magazines are all on-line through our Wi-Fi network at <http://thelondonclinic-media.com>. We can arrange the purchase of newspapers and magazines for patients.