





SURGICAL PATIENT COVID PATHWAY

Following COVID-19 infection, elective surgery should be delayed until >7 weeks

Covid 19 testing should not be repeated < 90 days in patients who have had COVID-19 infection

PATIENT	BEFORE ADMISSION	FOR ADMISSION	PATHWAY
Day case surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under local, including dental surgery 	No Covid PAC required - PAC at discretion of Consultant (for day cases only) No need for isolation Lateral Flow Test done at home in the 24 hours before admission	Proof of negative Lateral Flow Test on admission For admission confirm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> asymptomatic no COVID contact/exposure 	 Use GREEN pathway
Day case surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under GA Under sedation 	Attend PAC 48-72 hours before admission Do PCR 48-72 hours before admission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If < 90 days since COVID infection and asymptomatic no PCR necessary Isolate for 3 days	Negative Covid-19 PCR Test <72 hours prior to admission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unless < 90 days since COVID infection and asymptomatic For admission confirm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> asymptomatic no COVID contact/exposure 	 Use GREEN pathway
Elective inpatient surgery (>24hours) Includes patients with recent COVID but >7 weeks post infection	Define isolation period required prior to admission. Consultant/Anaesthetist decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low/Moderate risk: 3 days High risk: 7 to 14 days Attend PAC 48-72 hours before admission Do PCR 48-72 hours before admission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If < 90 days since COVID infection and asymptomatic no PCR necessary 	Negative Covid-19 PCR Test <72 hours prior to surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unless < 90 days since COVID infection and asymptomatic For admission confirm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> asymptomatic no COVID contact/exposure 	 Use GREEN pathway **
Emergency surgical admission. Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No PCR result Symptomatic patient COVID-19 positive Recent COVID (<7 weeks) 		Airborne isolation in a single room on the ward Take an urgent COVID-19 PCR test (do not swab confirmed COVID-19 patient or < 90 days since COVID-19 infection): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If no PCR (refused, unable to consent) remain on RED Pathway If PCR negative and symptomatic – review before downgrading If PCR negative and asymptomatic – downgrade to GREEN pathway If PCR positive will need to be isolated for 14 days if remains as an inpatient 	 Use RED pathway ##

Notes




** Inpatients on the GREEN pathway need to follow the inpatient testing regime (retesting every 72 hours)

An inpatient on the RED pathway who has been in isolation for 14 days and is asymptomatic can transfer from the red to the green pathway

Patients on a red pathway can be nursed on the ward using airborne isolation precautions

MEDICAL PATIENT COVID PATHWAY

COVID-19 PCR testing should not be repeated < 90 days in patients who have had COVID-19 infection

PATIENT	BEFORE ADMISSION	FOR ADMISSION	PATHWAY
Day case patient	No need for isolation Lateral Flow Test done at home in the 24 hours before admission	Proof of negative Lateral Flow Test on admission For admission confirm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> asymptomatic no COVID contact/exposure 	 Use GREEN pathway
Elective admission (>24 hours)	Seen in Consulting house and PCR booked by Diagnostics / Consultant Do PCR 48-72 hours before admission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If < 90 days since COVID infection and asymptomatic no PCR necessary Isolate until day of admission	Negative Covid-19 PCR test <72 hours prior to admission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unless < 90 days since COVID infection and asymptomatic For admission confirm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> asymptomatic no COVID contact/exposure 	 Use GREEN pathway **
Emergency admission. Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No PCR result Symptomatic patient COVID-19 positive Tracheostomy patient 		Airborne isolation in a single room on the ward Take an urgent COVID-19 PCR test (do not swab confirmed COVID-19 patient or < 90 days since COVID-19 infection): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If no PCR (refused, unable to consent) remain on RED Pathway If PCR negative and symptomatic – review before downgrading If PCR negative and asymptomatic – downgrade to GREEN pathway If PCR positive will need to be isolated for 14 days if remains as an inpatient 	 Use RED pathway ##

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