

Clinical Pathways

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Clinical pathways are interdisciplinary evidence-based clinical management plans for specific patient groups. They integrate medical treatment protocols, nursing care plans and the activities of allied health professionals into a single plan which clearly defines the expected progress and outcomes for patients undergoing a particular procedure or with a specific medical condition.

A specific Clinical Pathway will guide the management of many of your surgical and medical patients. Pathways currently exist in the areas of **joint replacement surgery, fractured neck of femur, a number of general surgery procedures, cardiac surgery, paediatrics, medical, urology and Hospital in the Home.** Please contact us if you would like more information.

[Guide for Hospital in the Home patients with DVT discharged to GP Care : HITH DVT](#)

The aims of a clinical pathway are to:

- Get evidence-based care into practice and thus promote and maintain quality outcomes
- Ensure that no critical aspects of care are forgotten and that all interventions are performed on time
- Reduce unnecessary variations in practice and thus reduce risk
- Be pro-active in planning care and facilitate earlier discharge

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