

If the hospital is providing transport, we will usually book this for the morning. If you are clinically fit you may be asked to wait in the ward day room on the day of discharge until you are ready to leave.

Names of the team responsible for your care

Consultant

Dr. R. Gray Dr D Brull
Dr C Loong Dr S Hardman
Ward manager: Leo Gonzales
Charge nurses: Cherry Barbosa

Useful terminology

Electrocardiogram (ECG) - This is a simple and painless heart test that involves pacing sticky pads across your chest and taken an electrical picture from angles of your heart.

Myocardial Infarction (MI) - This means a heart attack. We can tell this from the ECG'S and blood tests. A heart attack occurs when an artery that supplies blood to your heart becomes blocked with a clot. A special drug that breaks down the clot in the artery can treat this.

Angina - is the term to describe the pain caused by inadequate oxygen supply to your heart muscle; this may or may not be seen on an ECG. This may be treated with drug therapy, by drip in your arm or tablets.

Angiogram- This is a test that is done at the heart hospital. It involves inserting a fine tube into artery (normally in your groin) to look at the condition of your heart.

Friends and Family Test (FFT)

We value your feedback and use your opinions to improve our service and the quality of care we provide. Please ask a member of the ward team to provide you with a 'Friends and Family Test', where you will have the opportunity to comment and tell us more about your experience.

Otherwise, please feel free to comment and suggest ideas to improve the service we offer:

Patient advice and liaison service (PALS)

If you have a compliment, complaint or concern please contact our PALS team on 020 7288 5551 or whh-tr.whitthealthPALS@nhs.net

If you need a large print, audio or translated copy of this leaflet please contact us on 020 7288 3182. We will try our best to meet your needs.

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Montuschi ward

A patient's guide



Welcome to Montuschi ward

Montuschi ward was named after a prominent cardiologist. The aim of this leaflet is to answer any queries that you may have on admission to the ward.

Montuschi is a 16 bedded ward that specialises in the care of patients with heart problems. The ward is divided in two categories: Coronary Care Unit (CCU), which is a four-bedded bay, and Montuschi, which is a 12-bedded bay. Coronary care unit beds are for patients that are admitted with heart attacks or conditions that need close monitoring. Montuschi beds are for patients who have less acute conditions such as after heart surgery, angina or heart failure.

When admitted to Montuschi ward, you may be attached to a heart monitor; this is just like a television screen that shows us how the electrical impulses are travelling through your heart. This may mean that you will have to remain in bed whilst attached to the monitor.

You may also have a drip attached to your arm. The drip will go through a 'pump' to ensure that the medicine finishes within a specific time period. Also during the first 24 hours you may have your blood pressure taken at regular intervals (sometimes this may be every hour).

We also measure temperature, respirations and oxygen levels in your blood.

Some patients may need to be transferred to the Heart Hospital for further management. Address: The Heart Hospital, 16-18 West Moreland Street, London W1 8PH

General information

Ward telephone number
020 7288 5485

We have a canteen and a shop for patients and visitors, on the first floor, where you can buy food, drinks, magazines etc. Please ask your family and relatives to take home any valuables that you may have, or give them to a staff nurse - a receipt will be given which must be kept safe. It is very important that patients rest, to aid sleep and recovery. Therefore we ask family, relatives and friends to adhere to visiting hours. Special circumstances will be given consideration.

Visiting hours are:
Monday – Sunday 2:00pm - 8:00pm

Protected mealtimes: this is a hospital policy which protects lunch meal times for patients between 11:45am-12.45pm. This prevents patients from being disturbed by hospital staff or visitors unless absolutely necessary. Again special circumstances will be given consideration.

- Breakfast is served at 8:00 am
- Lunch 12:00 - 1:00 pm
- Supper 6:00 pm

Please speak to a nurse with any enquires. **All mobile phones should be turned off in order to reduce the risk of electrical interference.**

The staff on Montuschi ward work together as a great team. We are very committed to providing an excellent standard of care, please feel free to comment and suggest ideas to improve the service we offer in the space provided in this leaflet.

If you have any problems or complaints about any aspect of the service, please talk to a member of staff; they are more than willing to help. Complaints will be dealt with according to Whittington Health's complaints policy.

Discharge from hospital

You have been under the care of
Dr.....

To help us free beds for other patients that need them, we ask that you make arrangements to be collected by 11.00am on the day of discharge.

If you do require an out-patient appointment, this will be sent by post within two weeks. If you do not receive the appointment please contact the ward. A copy of your discharge letter will be sent to your GP. If you have any enquiries or concerns about your medical/nursing treatment, please do not hesitate to contact us.