

Responsibility of care for patients in ED

Patient	Medical staff responsible	Nursing staff responsible
Any patient in ED with NO clear documentation of a definite disposition (primarily THE ADMITTING CONSULTANT/TEAM)	ED	ED
Patient for direct admission who is bed-blocked in ED	Admitting team	ED nursing staff who should be able to get prompt response from the admitting team. Inform and assist ED medical staff to manage patient if clinical condition is unstable.
Admitted patient who is bed-blocked in ED	<p>Admitting team (for all aspects of management including communication with ED nursing staff and discharge arrangement).</p> <p>ED medical staff should be informed and manage patients acutely if patient required 'Rapid response' or 'Clinical Review' as the criteria indicated.</p> <p>ED medical staff should only be dealing with admitted patients if there is direct 'hand-over' or 'request for assistance' from the admitting team.</p>	<p>ED nursing staff should contact the admitting team directly for patient's management.</p> <p>If the admitted patient is acutely deteriorating or unwell, the appropriate calls (Rapid response or Clinical review) should be made at the same time as informing ED medical staff to treat the patient.</p>
Patient in ED, for whom a consultation had been requested and the decision for discharge is made after being reviewed by a specialist team	<p>The consulting team should be responsible for arranging proper discharge and follow-up.</p> <p>This can be achieved by the consulting team or by ED medical staff with a direct 'hand-over' from the consulting team after clear documentation of management plan and follow-ups.</p>	ED nursing staff to facilitate the process by coordinating discharge planning.