

Information for patients and carers

Important information for people with Parkinson's being admitted to hospital

Parkinson's Team Central Lancashire

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This leaflet provides important information for people with Parkinson's disease or Parkinsonism needing admission to Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, so they know what to expect as an inpatient.

Admission to Hospital

There may be occasions when you are admitted to hospital, this could be due to your Parkinson's, the need for surgery or due to another acute medical issue. It is important that you are aware of what to expect when you are admitted to Lancashire Teaching Hospitals. Please alert the staff immediately that you have Parkinson's disease or Parkinsonism to ensure that you receive relevant medications on time.

Medications

At Lancashire Teaching Hospitals we recognise the importance of medications for Parkinson's disease. If you are admitted to hospital, always bring your medications or an up-to-date list of your medications with you. It is really important that the team looking after you are aware of the medications you take and the times you take them. Bringing your medications or a list will help to ensure you receive your medications on time.

Important information

It is important to be aware that when you are admitted to hospital, there may be some changes in your behaviour. This can happen for a number of reasons such as being in a different environment, having an infection or being post-operative. On occasion people in hospital with Parkinson's disease and related conditions can become confused and agitated or aggressive. This may result in you behaving in a manner that is unusual for you. The team looking after you have received training in how to support you and any family/carers through this period, it is important

that you and your family/carers are aware of possible changes that can occur whilst in hospital.

We may need to speak with your family members/carers, or they may need to attend the ward at times other than the usual visiting times to support you.

These changes in behaviour do not always occur but it is important that we inform you about the possibility.

Parkinson's Team

Please inform the Parkinson's team if you are admitted to Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, this will ensure the Parkinson's Specialist Nurses are able to review you during your admission and enable you to discuss any concerns you may have.

Contact details

Should you require further advice or information please telephone The Parkinson's Team on **01772 523575**.

Sources of further information

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.accessable.co.uk

www.patient.co.uk

www.parkinsons.org.uk

www.msatrust.org.uk

www.pspassociation.org.uk

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If you want to stop smoking, you can also contact Smokefree Lancashire on Freephone **08081962638**

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