



Patient Education

Acute Care Services Team

ACS Team

E4 and F4 – Juravinski Hospital

What is the ACS Team?

The ACS Team is the **Acute Care Service Team** here at the hospital.

The doctors who make up your Acute Care Service Team include:

- Staff surgeon – doctor in charge of your care
- Senior surgical resident – a doctor in the final year or 2 of surgical training.
- Junior surgical residents – doctors in the early years of training to be a surgeon.
- Clinical clerks – these individuals are in the final year of medical school.

The staff surgeon changes **every week on Fridays**. On Fridays the new surgeon receives a verbal report about the patients from the previous surgeon. The senior resident and junior residents change every 1 to 3 months, so you will see some of the same surgical residents every day.

How come I have a new doctor every week?

In the past, patients needing emergency surgery often had to wait in the emergency department for an available surgeon. During the week that the surgeon is taking care of patients on E4 and F4, the surgeon does not do planned surgery. This allows the surgeon to be available for emergencies, which means that patients do not have to wait as long in the emergency department. It also enables emergency operations to be done during the day, which leads to improved care.

Today your:

Surgeon is _____

Senior Surgical Resident is _____

please turn over →

Going home

When you are ready to go home, you may need to wait while we confirm your discharge plan. We have prepared an area for you to wait comfortably while we prepare your room for our next patient. We will continue to meet your care needs until you go home.

Follow-up

If you need surgical follow-up after discharge, you will be given an appointment with a surgeon. If you had an operation, the follow-up will generally be with the surgeon who did the operation. If you did not have an operation, follow-up will be with the surgeon supervising the Acute Care Service on the day you are discharged.

Teaching hospital

Hamilton Health Sciences is a teaching hospital. Students from many professions learn here. Our staff is committed to helping students become successful health care professionals. Students need and appreciate your help too. You can play an important role in training tomorrow's health care providers.

If you or your family have any questions or concerns please speak with your Health Care Team.



You may also speak with:

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