

Anaesthetic Pre-Op Service
Pre-Op Blood Clinic Appointment

Information for parents and carers

Introduction

This leaflet aims to provide you with information about the Anaesthetic pre-op blood clinic and what to expect when you and your child attend. An appointment at this clinic is for your child to have bloods taken prior to their surgery date.

What will happen at this Pre- Op Blood Clinic appointment?

The Pre-Op Nurse will meet you and your child, check all personal details are correct and then confirm if you are happy to go ahead with the blood test. If required the nurse will also provide you with leaflets about preparation for surgery, the specific operation and information about the anaesthetic process.

If there are changes to your child's medical history then the nurse can update your child's records at this appointment.

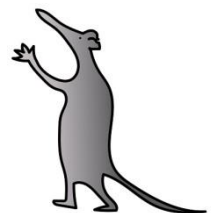
How long will the Pre- Op clinic appointment last?

The appointment could take up to 30 minutes. To avoid any delays on the day of operation / procedure and reduce the risk of cancellation your child may need to attend other departments for further investigations. Please allow **up to two hours** for your visit (we will endeavour to inform you if further investigations / tests are required that may prolong your visit).

What further tests and investigations may my child need?

Your child **may** require tests / investigations in other areas of our hospital for example:

- Blood tests
- MRSA Screening
- X-Ray
- Ultrasound
- ECG/ Echocardiogram



Where do we need to go for our appointment?

The Pre-Op Blood Clinic takes place within the outpatients department at Alder Hey Hospital. On arrival please report to the self-check in screens located within the main atrium on the ground floor. Once you have completed the self-check in you will then be directed to G2 waiting area (at the side of Costa), within out-patients where your appointment will take place.

What should we do if we cannot attend the appointment?

If the appointment date or time is not convenient, please contact the Pre-Op Service on **0151 252 5845** and another appointment will be arranged.

Please note: If you do not attend the Pre-Op Blood Clinic appointment your child's admission could be delayed or even cancelled.

If my child is worried about being admitted can you offer help?

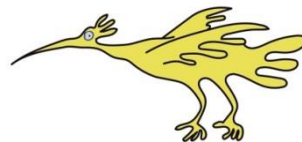
Yes, we can arrange for a play specialist or other members of the team to help prepare your child for their admission.

Who can I contact for information?

Your admission letter will advise you who to contact if you have any problems with your admission time and date. For other Medication/ Anaesthetic queries please contact the Pre-Op Office on:

Telephone: **0151 252 5845**

Between the hours of 8am – 6pm
Monday to Friday.



Car Parking

There is a multi-storey car park located at the **East Prescot Road** entrance. There is no longer a ticketing system in place. A token will be provided on entrance to the car park and payment can be made at the designated pay machine located in the main atrium near to the entrance of the car park.

This leaflet only gives general information. You must always discuss the individual treatment of your child with the appropriate member of staff. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about your child's treatment.

This information can be made available in other languages and formats if requested.

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