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# Clinical bedside handover



## Why bedside handover?

The implementation of bedside handover is part of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards which will measure over all performance of hospitals.

Bed side handover will improve communication between patients and staff, ensure patients/ consumer participation and allow the patient be at the centre of all discussion surrounding his/her care.

## What is bedside clinical handover?

Bedside clinical handover is the sharing of clinical information between you and your treating nurse. Performing the handover at your bedside allows the nurses to be introduced to you and allows exchange of information that ensures continuity in your care.



## What happens during bedside clinical handover?

We aim to perform handover during non-visiting hours. When this is not possible your visitors and those visiting others in your room will be asked to leave while personal information about you is discussed. Parents, carers and family members can stay during your handover if you choose.

## During handover:

You will be introduced to your nurse/nurses for the next shift.

### Information shared may include:

- Your medical history and your current clinical condition
- Tests and procedures that you have had or that are scheduled
- Your need for assistance with everyday tasks such as showering and toileting
- Plans for your discharge, even if it is a few days away.

The nurses will review your medical charts together and check any drips or drains that you may have. You will be able to comment on the information discussed.

Nurses will use discretion when discussing sensitive information.