

Welcome to the Children's Day Ward

The children's day ward is a nine bed ward for children requiring tests, treatments and day stay operations. We are open from 7:00am Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

Before you come

Please make sure you have read all the information given to you about your child's procedure.

If your child is having an operation it is very important you know what time to start restricting food and fluid intake.

Please remember chewing gum, lollies and lollypops are all considered food and could delay your child's surgery if they eat these on the day of the procedure.

If your child becomes unwell before admission please ring the Children's Day Ward and tell us.

What to bring with you

You may like to bring the following things with you;

- Your child's favourite toy, books, games or iPad
- Bottle of formula or milk if required (standard infant formula is available)
- Clean and loose fitting pyjamas (hospital ones can be provided)
- Snacks are provided for after surgery but you are welcome to bring your own
- If you have guardianship papers for your child please bring these with you

Parking

There is an underground hospital car park. Parking charges apply. You will need to walk through the main hospital from this car park to get to the Children's Day Ward, take the orange lift to level two and follow the orange Hospi line to the ward. Volunteer staff are usually available to guide you if you are unsure.

There are limited pay and display car parks available directly outside the ward entrance. Access to these is via Hospital Road.

We recommend a parent or caregiver stays with their child at all times. Please find alternative child care options for your other children for the day. This will let you spend time with your child without distractions.

During the admission process the nurse will explain what you can expect during your visit.

Facilities for parents

Please note Wellington Hospital has a strict smoke free policy. If you would like help to quit please talk to one of our staff

There is a card operated pay phone near the ward if required

The hospital shop is located on level 2 of the main hospital and is open Monday to Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm.

Ronald McDonald House
30-38 Riddiford St
Newtown (Reception open 8am – 9pm)
Phone: 04 389 5505
<http://www.rmhw.org.nz/>

If you wish to buy food you can visit;

- Fuel coffee bar: Located by the purple lifts on level 3 of the clinical services building
- Wishbone café: located on level two of the main hospital in the atrium

On Discharge

Discharge home is usually between one to four hours, depending on the type of surgery or procedure your child is having.

The nurse will explain any discharge instructions and provide written information for you to take home.

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If your child requires a further outpatient follow up appointment time this will be sent to your home in the post.

Contact details

Children's Day Ward

Phone: (04) 385 5999 extn 5041

Healthline

A 24 hour, 7 day free health service

Phone: 0800 611 116