

Student Nurse Welcome Booklet

Pennine Rheumatology Centre and Programmed Investigations Unit



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The Programmed Investigation Unit & Pennine Rheumatology Centre has 6 beds and 19 treatment chairs. The Unit accepts referrals from Consultants and GP's. The Unit is open Monday to Fridays 8am - 4pm.

The Staff who work on the Unit have skills in the administration of Intravenous Drug Therapies, Cannulation, Venesection and Chemotherapy administration. These skills are combined with general nursing experience. During your placement you will be allocated a Mentor who you will work alongside, the Unit uses a Team Mentorship approach and we will make every effort to fulfil students individual requirements as much as is possible.

The Placement Education Lead is Gabrielle Murphy.

The Placement Education Facilitator is Suzanne Drury.

The University Link Lecturer is Peter McGovern.

Ward Philosophy

The PRC/PIU uses an individual and holistic approach to patient care providing evidence based practice.

The Staff focus on patient's needs and strive to maintain an excellent environment for care.

The PRC/PIU offers treatment as part of the Healthy Futures programme. The Pennine Rheumatology Centre offers patients improved access to intensive, timely Multi-Disciplinary services.

The Unit offers high quality services in the appropriate setting. As Nurses, our aim is to improve the overall experience for patients. This is supported by specialist skills of Doctors and members of the Multi-Disciplinary Team; Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Podiatrist and Pharmacists.

The Pennine Rheumatology Centre and Programmed Investigation Unit

PIU/PRC Staff	
Ward Manager	Josie Fletcher
Staff Nurses	Lauren Kershaw
	Karen Court
	Gabrielle Murphy (PEL)
	Denise Fitton
Health Care Support Workers	Kay Ralphson
	Pauline Finney
	Sharron Davies
Ward Domestic	Margaret Butler
Ward Secretary	Mandy Dance
Ward Clerk	Tracy Cartwright
Consultant Rheumatologists	Dr Andrew Bowden Dr Jo MacGowan & Dr Malack Alachkar
Rheumatology Specialist Nurses	Meryl Wilson, Emma Joesbury and Sue Fildes

Learning Outcomes

Your learning outcomes will be discussed during the initial meeting with your mentor. We will endeavour to meet learning needs and offer various opportunities of working alongside other MDT members. It is hoped that during your placement with us you will:

- Recognise the holistic approach
- Develop interpersonal and communication skills
- Develop Aseptic Non-Touch Technique (ANTT) principles and promote infection prevention
- Work as part of the team
- Apply nursing research to nursing practice
- Develop knowledge around medical conditions from diagnoses to treatment
- Gain experience in the Admission and Discharge procedures
- Increase understanding of Rheumatology conditions and treatments

Procedures

- Venepuncture
- Intravenous Drug therapies
- Endocrine investigations
- Oral glucose tolerance tests
- Blood transfusions
- Chemotherapy for rheumatology conditions
- Intravenous iron infusions and subcutaneous injections for Renal patients
- Venesections
- Immunoglobulin infusions
- Intravenous infusions for gastro and rheumatology conditions
- Ascitic Drain Care

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Possible Spoke Placements

- Rheumatology Consultant ward based clinics
- Specialist Nurse Rheumatology clinics
- Podiatry
- Physiotherapy
- Pharmacy
- Renal unit
- Occupational therapy
- Clinical Assessment Unit
- CT Scan department/X-ray department

Emergency Phone Numbers

In case of Cardiac Arrest OR other Medical

Emergency:

Dial 2222

Fire Emergency:

Dial - **3333**

Switchboard answer the phone:-

Say WHAT the Emergency is, WHERE we are;

Level C, Programmed Investigation Unit & Pennine
Rheumatology Centre at Rochdale Infirmary