

Ambulatory care referral pathways

For patients requiring admission to The Northumbria phone 24/7 GP hotline on 0191 203 1414

Medical Ambulatory Care (MAC)

Opening times:
The Northumbria 8am-10pm
Hexham 8am-4pm

To arrange assessment call:

The Northumbria - 0191 607 2867 (DECT phone) or 0191 607 2326
Hexham - 01434 655 406/7

MAC provides rapid assessment and intervention for the following pathway patients:

- DVT
- Cardiovascularly stable fast AF
- Cellulitis
- PE

Is your patient suitable for the following community pathways?

- DVT
- AF
- IM ceftriaxone

Not a pathway patient?

The Northumbria MAC will also assess a range of non-pathway patients who you consider need urgent medical assessment but where admission is not considered necessary

- Pneumonia
- Thunderclap headaches
- Fever in returning traveller
- Abnormal blood results*
- Non stroke acute neurology
- New diagnosis type 1 diabetes
- Oncology patients requiring paracentesis

*community pathways for managing anaemia, hyponatraemia and hypokalaemia are available on GPteamnet

This list is not exhaustive: please discuss suitability of a MAC review with consultant on 0191 607 2867

Surgical Assessment Unit (SAU)

Opening times:
The Northumbria 8am-10pm
(last referral 7pm)

SAU provides rapid assessment and intervention of stable acute surgical conditions such as gallbladder, abscesses, appendicitis, diverticulitis, hernias and recent surgery

To arrange assessment call:

The Northumbria - 0191 607 2949
For surgical advice call: on-call registrar/consultant
For post-surgery advice about wound issues call: 01670 529 431

Is your patient suitable for any of our rapid access clinics? These include:

Please visit:
gp.northumbria.nhs.uk
for more information

Lung cancer and pleural disease
Gastroenterology
Gynaecology
Thyroid
TIA
Urology