

BEDSIDE CLINICAL HANDOVER **INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS**

What is bedside clinical handover?

Bedside clinical handover is the sharing of clinical information about you between your treating nurse and the person who will be taking over your care. Performing the handover at your bedside allows you to be involved in your care and care planning.

What happens during the handover?

Your visitors will be asked to leave the room for a moment, the nurse will ask for your permission to invite your carers and/or family members back in to stay with you during handover if you would like, while personal information about you is discussed.

During handover:

You will be introduced to your nurse for the next shift

Information shared may include:

- Your current clinical condition
- Your past medical history
- Tests and procedures that you have had or that are scheduled
- Your need for assistance with 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 may be asked to comment on the information discussed.

Nurses will use discretion when discussing sensitive information

If you have any questions:

You can talk about bedside clinical handover with your nurse throughout the shift.

During handover if you have some information you can speak up and be involved, we welcome your input.

Your nurse will be happy to discuss any non urgent needs that you may have once the handover is complete.