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If you are unhappy with the advice you have been given by your GP, consultant, or another healthcare professional, you may ask for a second (or further) opinion.

The evidence used in the preparation of this leaflet is available on request. Please email: patient.information@salisbury.nhs.uk if you would like a reference list.

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Welcome to the Day Surgery Unit Local Anaesthetic Procedures *(page*

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Please attend at:

On:

IMPORTANT: Please read this leaflet thoroughly. If you become ill or cannot keep this appointment, please let us know as soon as possible so that another patient may benefit.

Preparing for your appointment

Diet for local anaesthetic:

- please follow your normal diet.

General advice

- please bath/shower on the day of your operation
- no smoking is allowed in the Unit and smokers are advised to avoid smoking for 12hrs before the appointment
- a responsible adult must take you home by car
- you must not drive yourself home or use public transport after a procedure
- hospital transport is not available for patients attending day surgery
- you must have a responsible adult at home with you on the night of your procedure. They must contact the Unit to arrange a time to collect you.

Please bring the following items with you

- any drugs, medicines or inhalers you are using
- dressing gown, slippers, toilet bag, hand towel
- something to read
- the telephone number of whoever is collecting you from hospital.

What will happen on the day?

- when you arrive you will be booked in at reception, after that you will meet the nurses who will prepare you for surgery
- you will then meet the surgeon
- you will find that you are asked the same questions more than once; this is all part of a careful checking system
- if you have not already done so, you will be asked to sign a consent form

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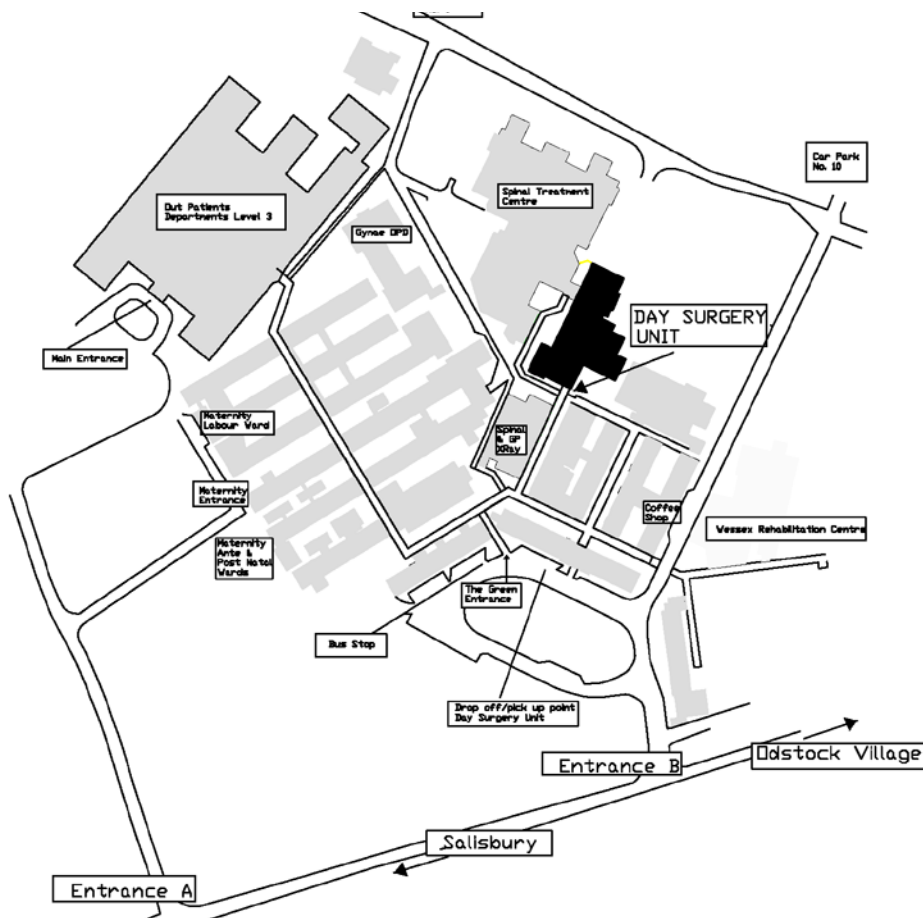
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- as operating sessions run between 9am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 5pm, you may have to wait for some time for your operation. From time to time the order of the operating list may change which can cause possible delays. The Day Surgery staff will keep you informed as much as possible and the reason for the delay. Please feel free to ask for information at any time. If you are having a Local Anaesthetic, you may have to wait towards the end of the list
- while you are waiting for surgery, you may sit in the reception area and watch television
- some degree of discomfort is to be expected after your operation but you should feel more relaxed once you are home
- please note any medication issued to you to take home following your procedure will have to be paid for at the usual prescription charge, unless you are exempt. We recommend that you have a supply of painkillers, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen at home before your appointment
- very occasionally you may be in a mixed sex ward. If you feel strongly about this please contact the Unit before your admission.

Enquiries and visitors

In view of the short time that you will be in the Unit, visitors are not appropriate. However enquiries can be made by telephoning 01722336262 Ext: 4550.



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