

Standard Operating Procedure

SOP ID	General Surgery Reconfiguration Pilot – Management of Patients Presenting to Cheltenham General Hospital (CGH) Emergency Department (ED) (e.g. walk-ins)
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Title	Patients Presenting to CGH ED for General Surgery
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Directorate	Surgical

1. Introduction

From 16th September 2019, the Trust will be piloting the reconfiguration of General (GI) Surgery. GI Surgery is an overarching term for upper gastrointestinal (UGI) surgery and colorectal surgery, for both planned and emergency patients.

- Emergency GI Surgery and complex planned GI surgery will be centralised at GRH.
- Increased provision of day case upper GI and colorectal surgery at CGH.

This document details how a patient presenting to CGH ED (e.g. walk-ins) should be managed both in and out-of-hours. For the purposes of this document:

- 'In Hours' is **08:00 – 20:00**
- 'Out of Hours' is **20:00 – 08:00** (when CGH ED is run by Emergency Nurse Practitioners (ENPs) and operates as a Minor Injury Unit (MIU)).

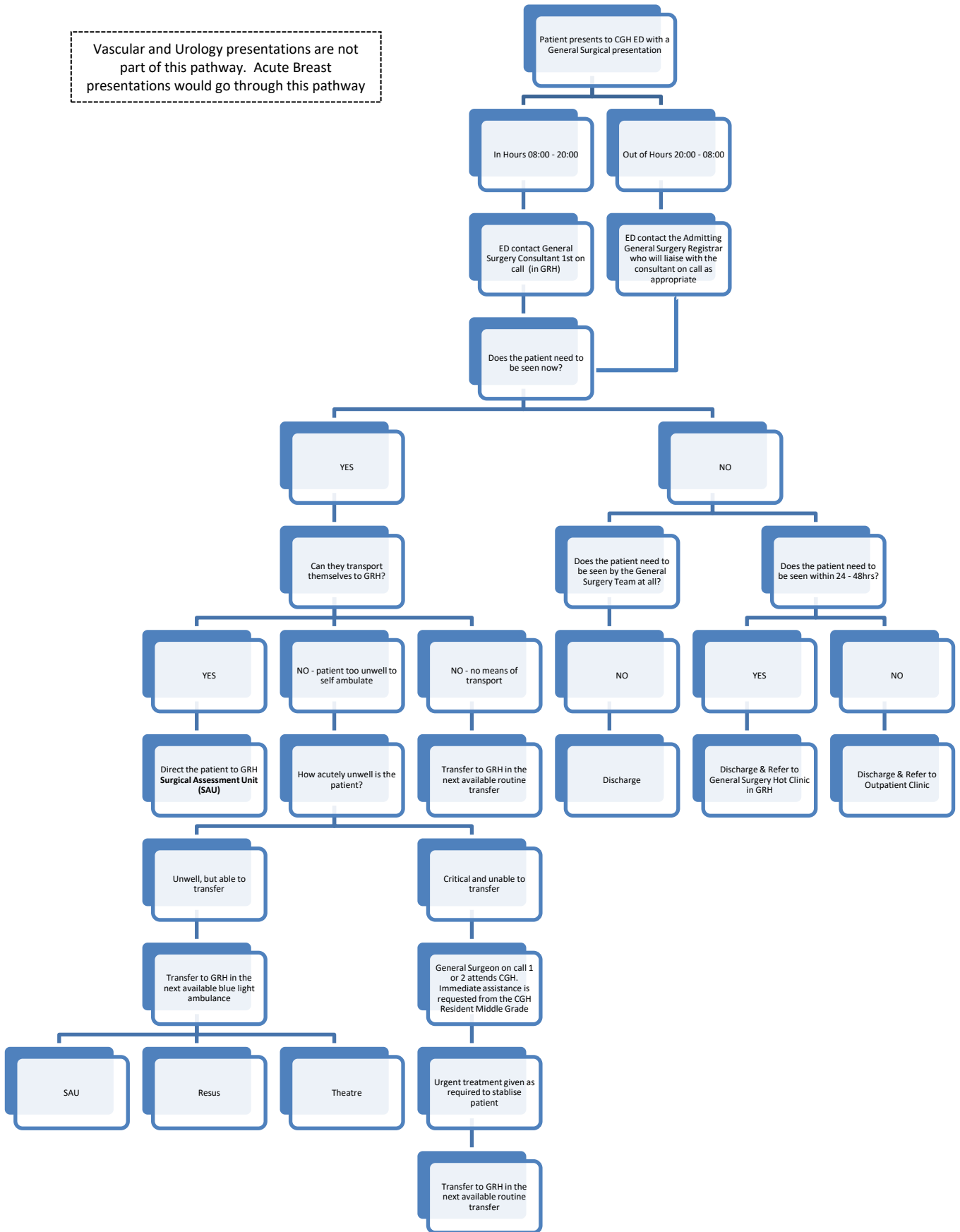
2. Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all CGH ED staff including Nursing, Medical and Allied Health Professionals to follow this SOP in accordance with the Trust Escalation Policy and Corporate Strategy.

It is the responsibility of all staff *referring* patients to the General Surgery (GI) Team and for the receiving General Surgery (GI) Team, to follow this SOP to ensure that patients presenting are managed effectively.

3. Patients Presenting to CGH ED – In and Out of Hours

Vascular and Urology presentations are not part of this pathway. Acute Breast presentations would go through this pathway



4. Accessing the Surgical Assessment Unit (SAU) at GRH:

Please refer to the SAU SOP: