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Key amendments to this guideline

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NURSE LED DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS ATTENDING THE INTERVENTION SUITE - KIDDERMINSTER

INTRODUCTION

To enable qualified staff to discharge patients attending the intervention suite and will formalise the previous clinically accepted guidelines for discharge.

COMPETENCIES REQUIRED

All trained staff that have undertaken a period of supervised training and who are competent in carrying out the discharge procedure.

PATIENTS COVERED

All patients attending the intervention suite for surgery.

GUIDELINE

1. The patient's discharge instructions must be documented by the Medical Staff in the operation notes prior to leaving theatre and TTO'S prescribed.
2. A qualified member of staff will complete the discharge checklist prior to nurse led discharge to ensure the patient is fit for discharge comprising of the following: -
 - ◆ Stable vital signs
 - ◆ Pain free
 - ◆ Nausea free
 - ◆ Alert and orientated
 - ◆ Tolerating diet and fluids
 - ◆ Venflon removed
 - ◆ Operation site checked
 - ◆ Urine voided
 - ◆ Access to phone at home
 - ◆ Suitable transport home
 - ◆ Responsible adult to stay with patient for 24 hours
 - ◆ All appropriate information given to the patient verbally and written
 - ◆ Outpatients appointment organised
 - ◆ Discharge letter given for general practitioner or Electronic Discharge summary completed
 - ◆ Any referrals made
 - ◆ Next day phone call organised
3. TTOs will be given as prescribed.

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4. The qualified nurse will document, sign and date the discharge checklist.
5. Any deviation from the above must be discussed with the appropriate Medical staff and be fully documented.

REFERENCES

British Association of Day Surgery London.

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