

# Cardiac Investigations Unit



**Friendly Society  
Private Hospital**

Leading Healthcare for the Wide Bay

## Welcome

Our Cardiac Investigations Unit is a friendly and professional environment designed specifically for patients receiving Angiograms and having Pacemakers inserted. Cardiologists perform all procedures in a dedicated operating theatre, with the support of our specialised nurses and technicians. The Cardiac Investigations Unit also includes reception, admissions, patient change and recovery areas. You will be given specific information regarding your procedure at the time of booking.

**If you have any questions while filling out the paperwork, either speak to your doctor or call us Monday to Friday from 8am until 5pm on 4331 1000 and we'll help you out.**

## How do I prepare for a procedure?

We will be in touch with you if you are required to attend a pre-admission clinic where the following tests may be performed: blood tests, electrocardiograph testing (ECG) or chest x-ray. Please bring all your current medications to the hospital with you.

## How do I pay?

If you have private health insurance, your account will be forwarded to your health fund on your behalf. Upon admission you will need to pay any excess not covered by your fund. It's a good idea to check with your health fund whether you have any annual excess or co-payment applicable to your stay.

Patients who do not have private health insurance are asked to finalise their accounts 48 hours prior to treatment.

## Arriving at the hospital

Please report to the Main Reception Desk, located in the main foyer of the hospital. You will then be escorted to the Cardiac Investigations Unit where our nursing staff will interview you. Your relative/friend may join you for the interview if you wish. You will then be shown to a private area to change and lockers will be provided for your personal belongings.

The hospital is not able to take responsibility for your belongings so please do not bring jewellery or personal valuables with you.

## What happens after surgery?

After your procedure you will be taken to the recovery area. Once able, inpatients will be transferred to their unit bed. Depending on the procedure, same day patients will remain in the recovery area until ready for discharge. Some patients having Angiograms may be in recovery up to six hours. You will be fully informed prior to your admission on the length of time we predict you will be in recovery.

## How do I get my results?

Your Cardiologist will discuss any findings with you on the day of the procedure. A letter from the Cardiologist will be forwarded to your referring doctor with the results of the procedure.



## A few helpful tips:

- Please do not eat or drink anything four hours prior to your admission. Your usual medication may be taken with a sip of water unless otherwise advised by your Cardiologist.
- You must have someone collect you and take you home after your procedure. Someone will need to be with you for 24 hours following your procedure.
- There is to be no driving or alcohol consumed within 24 hours of your procedure and no sexual activity for 48 hours.
- If you are taking blood thinning tablets such as Warfarin-Coumadin or Marevan, please speak to your Cardiologist as you may be required to stop these for five days prior to your procedure. Your Cardiologist will discuss with you whether you need any other blood thinning medication during this period.
- Please continue taking all other medications including Aspirin; you may be required to begin new medication prior to your procedure.
- If you are diabetic we will review your current blood glucose levels, the time of your procedure and what you are currently taking such as insulin or tablets. Your Cardiologist will then advise you what you need to take prior to your procedure.
- We ask that you do not wear make up or nail polish on the day of your procedure and leave all personal valuables at home.

**The Friendly Society Private Hospital features  
an on site Pharmacy, Allied Health Services,  
Afterhours Medical Service and Café.**

### **VISITING HOURS**

**General Visiting Hours 10am-8pm**

**ICU & CCU Visiting Hours 10am-1pm and 3pm-8pm**

**Strictly no visitors 1pm-3pm**



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