

## ICU

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**OPENING HOURS:** Hospital Visiting Hours.

The Intensive Care/Coronary Care Unit is a six bedded unit which caters for surgical patients, medical emergencies and cardiac patients. It is located on the first floor, opposite theatres.

Under the supervision of the Consultant Physicians, Consultant Anaesthetists and ICU nurses this department provides highly skilled diagnosis and care of acutely ill patients. Access to ICU is strictly limited and visitors are asked to ring the bell before entering.

### **Coronary Care**

The purpose of the Coronary Care department is to investigate heart disease.

We have a variety of painless, non-surgical procedures for doing this:

- E.C.G. (Electrocardiogram)
- An E.C.G. is a recording of the electrical activity of your heart and is taken while you are resting. For this procedure, self-adhesive pads are attached to your arms, legs, and chest. The recording takes less than a minute.
- Stress Test (Exercise Test)  
As the E.C.G. is only a basic test, it may not provide enough information for a definite diagnosis. In that case, the Stress Test, recorded while you walk on a treadmill, may be necessary. Here the exercise starts slowly and the speed and slope are gradually increased. Your heart rate and symptoms are recorded during and after the exercise.

### **24 hour 'Holter' E.C.G.**

Used for identifying the cause of some types of palpitation, the 'Holter' recording is made on a small walkman-like tape over a 24 hour period while you go about your normal day activities. Recording wires attached to your chest are connected to the recorder, which you wear on a belt or a shoulder strap. The recording is then analysed by computer and your doctor will have a clear picture of any changes which have occurred during that 24 hour period.

The Hospital has, through well-established contacts within the greater medical community, the facility for referral to other hospitals providing services not available on site, such as coronary artery by-pass surgery.