

St. John's Hospital Limerick

Following recent changes in Ennis and Nenagh Hospitals, and in line with National Clinical Guidelines, St. John's Hospital, part of the University of Limerick Hospitals group, will introduce new services with effect from Monday, September 23rd, 2013.

These are a **Local Injury Unit** (LIU) and **Medical Assessment Unit** (MAU) and will enhance the work of our doctors and nurses in order to give a safer and better service to our patients.

Local Injury Unit

Open 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday each week.

Patients will be seen by a senior doctor with ready access to diagnostics such as X-rays, blood tests and ultrasound and CT scans. You can present to the Unit yourself or be referred by your GP, Limerickdoc or Shannondoc.

The Local Injury Unit treats



- ✓ Suspected broken bones
- ✓ All sprains and strains
- ✓ Wounds, bites, cuts, grazes and scalp lacerations including minor facial injuries, oral, dental and nasal injuries
- ✓ Minor scalds and burns
- ✓ Small abscesses and boils
- ✓ Splinters and fish hooks
- ✓ Foreign bodies in eyes/ears/nose
- ✓ Minor head injury (fully conscious patients) who did NOT experience loss of consciousness or have more than one episode of vomiting after the head injury

The Local Injury Unit DOES NOT treat



- X All CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OF AGE
- X Conditions due to medical illness. (Chest pain/Respiratory conditions will be seen in the Medical Assessment Unit)
- X Serious head injuries
- X Abdominal pain
- X Gynaecological problems
- X Neck/back pain
- X Pregnancy related problems
- X Injuries due to self harm
- X Suspected serious injury or inability to walk following a fall from a height or a motor vehicle collision. Patients with neck pain or back injury that started on the day of injury should attend an ED rather than a Local Injury Unit
- X Injury causing chest pain, abdominal pain or shortness of breath
- X Pelvis or hip fractures

IN AN EMERGENCY - please go to your nearest Emergency Department or call an ambulance on telephone **999** or **112**.

Medical Assessment Unit

Open 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. Patients will be seen by a senior doctor.

The Medical Assessment Unit will treat patients referred by their GP/Limerickdoc/Shannondoc who have a wide variety of complaints. If you are referred to the Medical Assessment Unit please bring your medicines with you. At the MAU you will be seen promptly by a senior doctor. You may need to have blood tests, X-rays or scans.

If you are unsure about which unit to attend in St. John's Hospital or if you can be treated in the Local Injuries Unit please contact (061-462303).

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Mission Statement:

Faithful to our tradition, we provide the highest possible standard of care and treatment in a professional and compassionate manner to every person who avails of our service.

