

What happens after your appointment

If your surgery is a Day Case procedure and you are passed fit, you will be given a date before you leave.

Otherwise the anaesthetist will review your chart and your test results. You may require further tests or even another appointment to see the anaesthetist. When you are passed fit, the Admissions department is informed and you will await a date for your surgery.

It is planned that you will have your surgery within **3 months** of your Preassessment appointment.

We know that coming into hospital to have surgery can be a stressful time.

We hope that your Preassessment Clinic visit will help to ease any of the worries you may have and help to make this a positive experience for you and your family.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

If you have any queries you may contact us by:

Phone: 01 – 414 2486

In order to deal with your query you must leave;

- Full name
- date of birth or hospital number
- A short message stating your query

Email : dayward@amnch.ie

Due to the high volume of calls & emails we may not be able to respond to you immediately. We answer all queries and will respond as soon as possible.



Patient Information Leaflet

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PREASSESSMENT
CLINIC



TALLAGHT HOSPITAL



What is the Preassessment Clinic?

The Preassessment Clinic is an outpatient clinic managed by Nurses, for patients who are on a waiting list for an operation.

The purpose of the clinic is to:

- ❖ make sure that you are fit and well for your operation
- ❖ give you general information about hospital stay
- ❖ give you a chance to talk about your plans for going home after your operation
- ❖ Specific questions about your surgery may need to be discussed with your surgeon

Getting to the Preassessment Clinic

The clinic is on **Level 2**.

As you enter the **Alice Reeves Day Ward**, turn right towards reception, pass the check in desk and go through the door signposted 'Preassessment Clinic'. The waiting area is straight in front of you. Take a seat and wait to be called.

About your clinic visit

Please **be on time** for your appointment as the appointment time is specific to you. Do not sit in the main Day Ward reception area and **do not take a ticket as you will miss your appointment**

Please bring all your medications with you when you attend for your appointment.

You do not need to fast for this appointment.

If you no longer need or want your operation please let us know as soon as possible.

Your appointment will generally take between 30 minutes to an hour.



What to expect during your appointment

Your visit will involve a talk with the clinic nurse.

You will be asked about your medical history and about your plans for going home.

We will do a blood test and a heart test (ECG) as required.

You will also have some other tests done such as pulse, blood pressure weight and a urine test if necessary.

If you are unsure about your medical history please ask your GP for a letter with these details.

