

Boarding Patients for End of Life Care

Patients who require admission to the hospital for end-of-life care should be prioritised for a move to any available side room. Limited capacity within AMU to accommodate patients who require end of life care should not prevent an admission that could be facilitated at the back door, so in this situation, patients could be boarded directly from ED.

To ensure safe transfer of care out with the usual admission pathway the following actions should occur:

ED Team

- Ensure accepting specialty is clear. (Will be Acute Medicine for medical patients)
- Complete DNACPR & TEP.
- Document diagnosis to support timely completion of death certificate.
- Contact AMU Consultant 0830-2130 & HAN Registrar 2130-0830.

Site & Capacity Team



- Identify and allocate bed and inform ED NIC
- Ensure the receiving ward admit the patient under the correct consultant (Identified by contacting AMU Coordinator or on RotaWatch – available through Intranet).
- Update HAN when patient is in bed, ensure review and anticipatory care medications are prescribed.
- Update Site Safety Huddle at next available opportunity that patient has been boarded for end of life care and ensure AMU team are aware.

AMU Coordinator

- Share details regarding admitting consultant for medical patients who are being boarded from ED when asked by Site & Capacity.
- Should flag to AMU consultant at next opportunity.

Ward Team Doctors

- Complete death certificate based on the information available on TRAK (this could be completed by the HAN doctor in the out of hours period if the information is available).
- Any outstanding questions which need to be clarified prior to death certificate completion should be directed to the consultant under which the patient is documented on TRAK.

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