

The Vascular Unit

What is the Vascular Unit?

The Vascular Unit at Guy's and St. Thomas' offers the full range of procedures needed for up-to-date treatment of vascular disease (conditions affecting the circulatory system). The Vascular Unit has a national and international reputation for clinical excellence and innovation.

The Ultrasonic Angiology Department offers non-invasive diagnosis of vascular problems. Our endovascular suite provides minimally invasive endovascular treatment and our state of the art Hybrid Theatre allows complex, combined open and radiological procedures to be carried out at the same time.

The hospital has a large number of intensive care and high dependency beds as well as a vascular monitored bay (V-Bay) on Luke Ward. All of which provide excellent post-procedural care. The hospital receives patients from the South London region as well as a large number of tertiary referrals (more complicated cases from further away) on a 24 hour basis.

The Vascular unit consists of two wards at the St Thomas' site – Luke Ward, 10th Floor, East Wing and Sarah Swift Ward, 9th Floor, East Wing.

Vascular Unit philosophy

Both Luke Ward and Sarah Swift Ward are committed to the highest levels of quality care and service delivery. We want your stay to be as pleasant as possible and to provide the best quality and environment of care. We aim to give each patient, relative and carer the highest standard of care. Our patients will be regarded as individuals and we will work with you to plan your care. Our philosophy places patients at the centre of the decision making process by providing them with information to help them make decisions about their care. We encourage healthy living and life styles and recognise the need to continually improve our practices based on research.

Information about the wards

Luke Ward

Luke Ward is a 16 bedded vascular surgical ward. It has bays with four beds and bays with two beds, as well as two one bed rooms with ensuite shower rooms. All the bays are kept single sex to maintain privacy and dignity for all patients.

The Vascular Acute Care Bay (V-Bay) is mixed sex as this area provides intensive nursing care for all post-procedure patients. The aim of the V-Bay is to provide stable vascular patients with a short period (24 to 48 hours) of concentrated surgical nursing and medical care after their procedure.

Luke Ward has 23 nursing staff which includes two ward sisters and two deputy ward sisters. We are a very friendly team who will strive to ensure we meet your individual needs.

Sarah Swift Ward

Sarah Swift Ward is a 33 bedded vascular surgical ward. It has bays with four beds, a two bedded bay and three side rooms with ensuite shower rooms. All the bays are kept single sex to maintain privacy and dignity for all patients.

Sarah Swift Ward has 34 nursing staff which includes one ward sister and 2 deputy ward sister. We are a very friendly team who will strive to ensure we meet your individual needs.

The information below is applicable for both Luke Ward and Sarah Swift Ward:

Visiting times are 2pm – 8pm, seven days a week.

Ward rounds generally start at 8.30am. Use the space in your welcome pack to write any questions you may have.

Meal times

Breakfast – 8am

Lunch – 12 noon

Dinner – 5.30pm

Hot drinks are available at all times from the tea trolley, which is in the kitchen. This is free for patients, but we ask visitors to make a small donation. Our catering assistant will also do a tea round in the morning and in the afternoon. If you would like a hot drink, please ask a member of staff to make one for you.

Flowers are allowed but there is only space for one vase at each bedside.

There is a small **day room** for you and your visitors to use. Please be respectful and keep this area clean.

Meet the vascular team

When you visit the Vascular Unit you will be cared for by a variety of staff. Below is an introduction to the vascular team.

Vascular consultants

Miss R Bell

Mr M Dialynas

Mr Stephen Black

Mr Morad Sallam

Mr H Zayed

Mr Tomasso Donati

Mr Sanjay Patel

Miss Becky Sandford

Mr B Modarai

Mr M Tyrrell

Mr Said Abisi

Mr Lukla Biasi

Vascular clinical nurse specialists

Michelle Carmichael Bleep 1257

Azeb Mengstu Bleep 0386

Gemma Daniel Bleep 1039

Belen Quintana Bleep 1093

Talia Lea Bleep 1989

Cristine Farinas Bleep 1990

Hannah Lavis Bleep 1991

Vascular CNS Mobile 07825503902 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm)

Outpatient services

Monday : Mr Tyrrell -Tunbridge Wells Hospital
Mr Dialynas - Sidcup Hospital (alternate weeks)
Mr Modarai - St Thomas' Hospital (am)
Mr Abisi - St Thomas' Hospital (am)

Tuesday: Mr Dialynas - Darent Valley Hospital
Miss Biasi -Tunbridge Wells Hospital
Mr Black - St Thomas' Hospital (am)
Mr Patel - St Thomas' Hospital (pm)
Miss Sandford - St Thomas' Hospital (pm)

Wednesday: Miss Bell – Guy's Hospital (am), St Thomas' Hospital (pm)
Mr Sallam – Guy's Hospital (am), St Thomas' Hospital (pm)
Miss Sandford – Guy's Hospital (am), St Thomas' Hospital (pm)

Thursday: Mr Dialynas - St Thomas' Hospital (am)
Mr Zayed - St Thomas' Hospital (am)
Mr Donati - St Thomas' Hospital (am)
Mr Abisi - St Thomas' Hospital (am)
Mr Biasi - Guy's Hospital Diabetic Foot Clinic (am)
Mr Patel - Guy's Diabetic Foot Clinic (am)

Friday: Mr Donati - Lewisham Hospital (pm)
Mr Tyrrell - Tunbridge Wells Hospital

Contact details

Carol McCoskery, Head of Nursing 020 7188 1084

Michael Van Orsouw, Vascular Matron 02071887188 Ext 54090 Bleep 2536

Luke Ward

Elvira Reyes and Dorcus Shilangu, Ward Sisters 020 7188 3566/7

t: 020 7188 3566

f: 020 7188 8864

Sarah Swift Ward

Lucy Ford, Ward Sister 020 7185 3319

t: 020 7188 2262 / 020 7185 9008 / 020 7185 1640

f: 020 76201507

Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns before or after you have left hospital, please contact the **vascular specialist nurses on 07825 503902** (Monday to Friday 8am – 4pm).

You can also contact **Luke Ward on 020 7188 3566 or Sarah Swift Ward 02071882262** (24 hours) and speak to the Ward Sister or Nurse in Charge.

The above contacts can put you in touch with the following vascular consultants should you wish to do so: **Miss Rachel Bell, Mr Michael Dialynas, Mr Bijan Modarai, Mr Mark Tyrell, Mr Hany Zayed, Mr Stephen Black, Mr Morad Sallam, Miss Becky Sandford, Mr Tomasso Donati, Mr Sanjay Patel, Mr Said Abisi, Mr Andrew McIrvine.**

For more information leaflets on conditions, procedures, treatments and services offered at our hospitals, please visit www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/leaflets

Pharmacy Medicines Helpline

If you have any questions or concerns about your medicines, please speak to the staff caring for you or call our helpline.

t: 020 7188 8748 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

Your comments and concerns

For advice, support or to raise a concern, contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS). To make a complaint, contact the complaints department.

t: 020 7188 8801 (PALS) **e:** pals@gstt.nhs.uk

t: 020 7188 3514 (complaints) **e:** complaints2@gstt.nhs.uk

Language Support Services

If you need an interpreter or information about your care in a different language or format, please get in touch:

t: 020 7188 8815 **e:** languagesupport@gstt.nhs.uk

NHS 111

Offers medical help and advice from fully trained advisers supported by experienced nurses and paramedics. Available over the phone 24 hours a day.

t: 111

NHS Choices

Provides online information and guidance on all aspects of health and healthcare, to help you make choices about your health.

w: www.nhs.uk