

STHK FLOWCHART FOR ELECTIVE INPATIENT AND DAY CASE ADMISSIONS FOR NON-CANCER SURGERY

Screening questions: Patients to be contacted more than 14 days before the planned surgery

1. Can you commence the process of self-isolation for you and everyone else in your household 14 days prior to the date of surgery?
2. Have you and all else in your household been free of any COVID symptoms (new onset continuous cough, fever and/or loss or change in your normal sense of smell or taste) in the last 14 days?

Answered **YES to both**: proceed to swab

Answered **NO to either**: **do NOT proceed** (Discuss with clinical team if urgent)

Is the patient in the **shielded** category?

No

- **Arrange swab 48-72 hours before admission**
- **Once swabbed, patient must continue to self-isolate until results known. Patient to be informed of results by pre-op assessment staff (and advised accordingly)**

Yes

Inform patient they will be tested on day of admission: Continue shielding/self-isolation until the day of procedure

Negative swab result: confirm can proceed to admission. **Advise patient to self-isolate until date of admission and to contact the respective department if symptoms develop during that time.**

Positive swab result: **do not** proceed to admission. Patient and household must self-isolate as per [DH guidance](#). Discuss with clinical team if urgent.

Screening on the day of elective admission:

1. Has anyone in the household has had any COVID symptoms (new onset continuous cough or fever and/or loss or change in your normal sense of smell or taste) since you were swabbed?
2. Have you had any symptoms (new onset continuous cough or fever and/or loss or change in your normal sense of smell or taste) since you were swabbed?
3. Check patient's temperature

Answered **yes** to any questions **and/or temperature is 37.8°C or more**: **do NOT admit** (Discuss with clinical team if urgent)

If answered **no** to all questions **and** temperature below 37.8°C and **is a shielded patient**: **Order rapid COVID-19 test**

If answered **no** to all questions and temperature below 37.8°C and **not** a shielded patient

Proceed to admit for elective surgery into a 'clean' bay, (i.e. bay of elective admissions which have tested negative) or a cubicle

Clinically urgent: admit to a cubicle and liaise with microbiology to arrange a rapid COVID test (ext 1837 or on call microbiologist via switch for out of hours)

Negative rapid swab result

Positive rapid swab result: **do not** proceed to admission. Patient and household must self-isolate as per [DH guidance](#). Discuss with clinical team if urgent.