

Information Leaflet for Parents and Patients

WHAT IS A CARDIAC CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (CNSp) ?

Our Lady's Children's Hospital, is the National Centre for Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery in Ireland. The Cardiac Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNSp), is a member of the Cardiac Team, who has specialist knowledge in cardiac conditions. There are a total of six Cardiac CNSp's, and patient caseload is divided into two main groups, caring for children and young people with biventricular and univentricular heart conditions. The Consultant Cardiologist, will allocate you if appropriate to the CNSp service.

What is the role of the CNSp?

The role of the CNSp includes:

- Provision of practical information, education and emotional support to parents following ante-natal or post-natal diagnoses of cardiac disease.
- Assessment of the social, cultural, spiritual, psychological, emotional and physical needs of children, young people and their families.
- Provision of support and advice during the transition between home, community and hospital cardiac care

How can you contact your CNSp?

You can telephone the hospital 01-409 6100 and ask them to bleep your CNSp. There is a CNSp available 5 days a week, on the bleep systems between: 9:00am – 5:00pm

CNSp	Bleep
Hélène Murchan	8834
Kathleen Crumlish	8526
Jacqueline O Donoghue	8340
Fionnuala Gardiner	8338
Eimear Dempsey	8339
Caroline Donaghy	8337

What if I am concerned about my child?

If you are medically concerned about your child, you can see your GP or attend your local Emergency Department. If your local hospital is concerned, they can contact Consultant Cardiologist in OLCHC.

Where is the cardiac out patients located?

The Cardiac out-patient clinic is on the 4th floor of the Medical Tower – Entrance 1.

How do I change my child's appointment?

You should contact your Consultant's secretary to change *same*.

Who do I contact for a medical letter to support medical card applications, or letters for school, etc.?

All applications and forms for health and/or social welfare benefits must be brought to *your own GP to be completed*.

The cardiac service can provide letters of support, if required by the relevant government bodies. If you require such letters, *please phone your Consultants secretary*.

What if my prescription runs out?

Always ask when at clinic for a new prescription. Contact the Consultant's secretary at other times

Consultant Cardiologists	Dr. Secretary
Dr. Damien Kenny	Secretary: Declan 01 409 6153
Terry Prendiville	Secretary: Declan 01 409 6153
Dr. Paul Oslizlok	Secretary: Deirdre 01 409 6613
Dr. Kevin Walsh	Secretary: Michelle 01 409 6083
David Coleman	Secretary: Michelle 01 409 6083
Dr. Orla Franklin	Secretary: Mary 01 409 6337
Dr. Colin Mc Mahon	Secretary: Ruth 01 428 2854

Cardiothoracic Surgeons	
Prof. J. Mark Redmond (Private Secretary, 01 885 8396)	Mr. Lars Nölke (Private Secretary, 01 278 5851)
Mr. Jonathan McGuinness	
Public Secretary to 3 Surgeons - Jade 01 - 409 6154	

Cardiac Catheter Queries

Deirdre Corcoran - Secretary	01 409 6613
Cardiac Social Worker - Secretary:	01 409 6356
Cardiac Psychologist - Secretary	01 409 6191
Dietician - Secretary	01 409 6809
Speech & Language Therapist - Secretary	01 409 6141
Pharmacy -	01 409 6536
Dental -	01 409 6549

Childrens Heart Centre

Main Nurse Station	01 409 6471 / 6472
High Dependency	01 409 6554 / 6555
PICU Floor 2	01 409 6464 / 6573
PICU Floor 1	01 409 6450 / 6650

Heart Children Ireland	1850 217 017
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