

Referrals from GPs to Ambulatory Care Unit (ACU) at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill.

What is the Ambulatory Care Unit (ACU)?

The Ambulatory Care Unit (ACU) is a consultant-led service, which offers same day care to patients at the hospital. This means that patients are assessed, diagnosed, treated and are able to go home the same day, without being admitted into hospital overnight.

This is a Referral ONLY service.

Our Aims:

1. Treat patients in an ambulatory (outpatient) setting, avoiding admission where possible.
2. Work closely with GPs to prevent hospital admissions, and at the same time excel in our mutual efforts to provide best patient care and satisfaction.

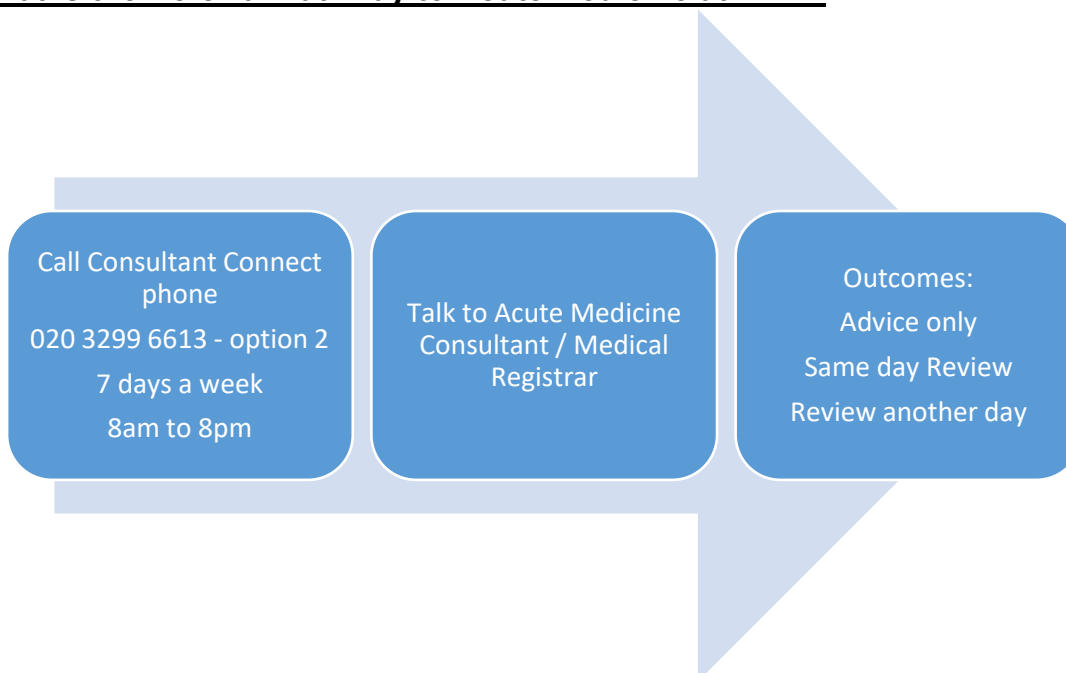
Which patients?

Any unwell patient with a medical illness or diagnosis.

What can you/your patient expect from this service?

1. Prompt clinical review without your patient waiting in ED.
2. Acute Medical Consultant review of all patients.
3. Investigations as appropriate; Follow-up appointment in the Ambulatory Care Unit (ACU), if clinically required
4. Direct admission to the Acute Medical Unit, if clinically indicated.
5. Phone advice/discussion – if you just want to talk about a patient.

What is the Referral Pathway to Acute Medicine at KCH?



Monday to Sunday, AND on Bank Holidays from 8am to 8pm. Last patient accepted into the unit at 6pm.

It may take up to 4 to 6 hours for assessment, results and treatment

The ACU is situated on the **first floor of the Golden Jubilee Wing**. It is located within the Integrated Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) and Discharge Unit.

