

## Children's Services

# Transferring your child to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit

### Why is my child being transferred to Addenbrooke's?

Your child is being transferred for specialist care to a children's (paediatric) intensive care unit where there are specially trained doctors and nurses to look after him/her.

### Who will be taking my child to Addenbrooke's?

The retrieval team consists of a doctor and a nurse who have been specifically trained to transport sick and critically ill children. They will spend some time at your hospital helping with the assessment and stabilisation of your child before the journey.

The team will carry all the necessary equipment and supplies that may be needed, including portable ventilator (life support machine) and infusion pumps.

Once your child is stable enough to travel, an ambulance will be called and the team will begin the transfer.

### Can I go in the ambulance?

Unfortunately, there is very little space in the back of the ambulance due to the number of staff and amount of equipment, and therefore it will not be possible for you to travel with your child. If you are unable to make your own way, travel advice can be offered.

### How will I get there?

If you do not have your own transport or someone to drive you to Addenbrooke's please speak to the nurse in charge. You may be able to travel in the taxi that brought the retrieval team to the hospital. This needs to be arranged fairly early on. The nurse in charge can then advise PICU (Paediatric Intensive Care Unit) to ask the taxi driver to wait and transfer you to Addenbrooke's. The taxi must leave straightaway. If travelling in your own car with family, do not try to follow the ambulance as it will move swiftly.

## Can I stay?

There is accommodation for parents at Addenbrooke's and you are welcome to stay. You may want to return home on your way to the hospital to get some personal belongings.

## Where is my child being taken?

The Paediatric Intensive Care Unit can be reached from the main entrance C and D wards (level two) by using the lift or stairs to level three. It is well signposted. The entrance is through Ward C3.

Our address and telephone numbers are:

Box 7

Addenbrooke's Hospital

Hills Road

Cambridge

CB2 2QQ

Telephone: 01223 217715 / 217294 (direct line)

Please leave your car in one of the visitor's car parks; leave the tear-off slip at the end of this leaflet inside your windscreen. Main reception can offer advice on parking charges.

Please ask if you require this information in other languages, large print or audio format: 01223 216032 or [patient.information@addenbrookes.nhs.uk](mailto:patient.information@addenbrookes.nhs.uk)

Potete chiedere di ottenere queste informazioni in altre lingue, in stampato grande o in audiocassetta.

### Italian

若你需要本信息的繁體中文、大字體或音訊格式的版本，請要求索取。

### Cantonese

तमने आ माळिती गीळ्ठ भाषाओमां, मोटा अक्षरोमां अथवा सांभली शकाय जेवा माध्यम (ओडीओ इमेज)मां जेठती छोय तो कृपा करीने पूछो.

### Gujarati

تکایہ پرسیار بکے نہ گھر نہ وزانیاریہت دھوی بہ زمانیکی تر , بہ پیتی گھورہ یانیش بہ شیوہی دھنگ

### Kurdish

آگر آپ کو یہ معلومات دوسری زبانوں میں، بڑے الفاظ کی اشاعت میں یا آڈیو ٹیپ پر درکار ہوں تو براۓ مہربانی اس کیلئے درخواست کریں۔

### Urdu



Addenbrooke's is smoke-free. Please do not smoke anywhere on the site.  
For advice on quitting, contact your GP or the NHS smoking helpline free, 0800 169 0169

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My child has been admitted to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit

Date

Time

**Any problems, please contact PICU on extension 3715.**