



## CLINICAL DIRECTIVE 01-2022 (Amended) V2.0

**FROM: Clinical Director**

**TO: EMTs, Paramedics, Advanced Paramedics, Supervisors, Managers;  
NEOC Call Takers, Call Dispatchers, Supervisors, Managers**

**SUBJECT: Emergency Department - Our Lady's Hospital Navan (OLHN)**

Effective 08:00 hours Wednesday 14 December 2022, patients that are:

- a) **critically ill**
- b) with any **acute surgical problem** should not be brought to the ED in OLHN.

This is in addition to the existing bypass criteria already in place for OLHN.

### **OLHN will continue to treat stable medical patients**

To guide decision making on this, the following criteria should be taken into consideration:

1. Medical patients suitable for treatment in OLHN include:
  - Patients with infections (eg respiratory or urinary tract) without signs of systemic sepsis (hypotension, tachycardia, hypoxia)
  - Shortness of breath with oxygen saturation >88% on room air
  - TIA with symptoms fully resolved
  - Syncope/collapse with GCS>14 and no history of trauma
  - Single seizure with full recovery post event
  - Suspected pulmonary embolus without haemodynamic compromise
  - Suspected deep vein thrombosis
  - Alcohol withdrawal
  - Overdoses with GCS 15
  - Behavioural issues
  - Non – traumatic back pain
2. Medical patients not suitable for OLHN include:
  - Systemic sepsis (ref SIRS criteria in CPG 4/5/6/11.1 Sepsis – Adult 2021 Edition)
  - Patients with symptomatic bradycardia or tachyarrhythmia
  - Change in level of consciousness as represented by GCS < 13
  - Anaphylaxis
  - Two or more seizures
  - Chest pain of suspected cardiac origin
  - Diabetic emergencies



3. Any patient with **abdominal pain**, evidence of **gastrointestinal bleeding** (haematemesis, melaena or blood per rectum), or any **acute vascular problems** (suspected leaking aortic aneurysm, acutely ischaemic limb) should not be brought to OLHN.
4. Minor injuries will continue to be seen in OLHN so patients with minor injury may be transported there

**RATIONALE:** These changes are necessary to align NAS patient assessment and treatment with changes to healthcare provision in the North – East region

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**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS DIRECTIVE:**

Education and Competency Assurance Officer