CLYDE INDEPENDENT HOLIDAY DIALYSIS FACILITY

Information for Intending Holiday Visitors

This unit is situated in the grounds of Dunstan Hospital on Hospital Road in Clyde. Clyde is located just off the main highway near Alexandra, approximately one hour’s drive from both Queenstown and Wanaka. A key to access the unit can be obtained from the Main Reception area of the hospital, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8.00am – 5.00pm. Outside of these hours and on public holidays, the key can be obtained from staff in the general ward.

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO nursing staff in attendance.

This facility is a self-care unit and is only available for patients who are able to manage their dialysis treatments **totally independently**; they must be accompanied by a friend or family member, who is familiar with a Fresenius 4008B machine. We would require a letter from your primary nurse at your home training unit to verify this prior to confirmation of booking. He/she will also need to supply information regarding your treatment requirements, as well as documentation of the results of the following:

- MRSA swabs ........................................................................................................... required to be done 2 weeks prior to visit
- VRE ...................................................................................................................... required to be done 2 weeks prior to visit
- Hep B, Hep C, HIV serology................................................................................... required to be done within the first 3 months of visit

The staff at Dunstan Hospital is **NOT** responsible for the unit and is **not trained** to provide assistance with dialysis or for any dialysis-related problems. There is no emergency department. Advice/assistance for dialysis problems must be obtained from nursing staff at the Dialysis Unit at Dunedin Hospital – contact details are clearly displayed in the unit.

Holiday visitors **must** have access to a mobile phone as there is no phone provided.

The unit has two Fresenius 4008B machines and can accommodate two visitors at a time, but it is advisable to book well in advance. Most dialysis equipment is supplied, but you will be advised of anything you may need to bring with you.

The unit has a heat pump and radiators for the winter months but is generally very warm in summer. There is a small kitchen with a fridge, electric jug, toaster and microwave. No food or beverages are supplied.

If you require any further information or to make a booking, please contact the Dialysis Unit. We look forward to hearing from you.

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