



ADMISSIONS AVOIDANCE TEAM

The Admissions Avoidance Team provides services within the speciality of the urgent and emergency care division. The team works across the Emergency department, Emergency Management Unit (EMU), Short Stay Unit (formerly CDU) and the Acute Frailty Unit, including the new Ambulatory area.

Multi – disciplinary teamwork is a key element of working in Admissions Avoidance and good time management, prioritisation and discharge planning skills are essential in this fast paced environment.

The Occupational Therapy department at Chesterfield Royal Hospital has approximately 45 members of staff over a number of specialties.

COMMON CONDITIONS

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| Frailty | Urinary Tract Infection |
| Falls | Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary |
| Dementia | Disease |
| Delirium | Respiratory Infections |

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Apply the OT process from referral through to discharge planning in the acute setting
- Develop skills in rapid assessment and discharge planning
- Gain experience working in a fast paced environment with a high turnover of patients
- Gain experience of the OT role within the urgent care environment and how caseload are managed on a day to day basis
- Learn to identify appropriate referrals to the admissions avoidance team
- Conduct initial interviews and functional assessments
- Become experienced in the prescription of commonly used equipment
- Work closely with physiotherapists to determine current level of function and plan a safe discharge from the hospital
- Work with patients and their carers/family
- Work closely with the MDT including Geriatrician and Advanced Nurse Practitioner
- Understand the role of the discharge to assess pathway within frailty care
- Shadow other members of the MDT and OT team

Student working hours : the Admissions Avoidance Team work 7 days a week 8:30 – 18:30. There is an option for you to work with your educator at weekends. Core student hours are 8:30 – 16:30.

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