

Primary Care Newsletter

Woodland Hospital & Glendon Wood Hospital

April 2024

01 - New Consultants Glendon Wood



Mr Palial, Consultant Orthopaedic - Specialist in Hand and Wrist

NHS Base: Kettering General Hospital

Subspecialty Interest: Hand and Wrist, Arthritis, osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Dupuytren's disease, revision surgery, Nerve compressions, carpal tunnel syndrome, Tendinopathies including trigger finger, lumps and bumps including ganglion surgery.

At Glendon Wood Hospital, Mr Palial sees: Both NHS and Private patients on first Monday of the month.



Mr George Flannagan, Consultant Podiatric Surgeon

NHS Base: Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Subspecialty Interest: Foot Surgery, Heel Pain, Bunion (hallux valgus), Great toe osteoarthritis (hallux rigidus), Toe deformities, Morton's Neuroma

At Glendon Wood Hospital, Mr Flannagan sees: Private patients and some NHS every Monday other than week two.





02 - GP Concerns

We have had some concerns sent through regarding patients being sent back to Primary Care to get a new referral for NHS treatment, when they have already started their pathway as a Private Patient. We have confirmed that our Consultants that they may initiate a transfer to a NHS pathway internally but please bear with us while we embed this new information to all of the Consultants we have here at Woodland and Glendon Wood Hospitals.

For Physiotherapy referrals, we can onward refer the patients to the trust. If you have any issues going forward, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Relations Manager for Woodland and Glendon Wood Hospital - Rebecca Dray on email Rebecca.Dray@ramsayhealth.co.uk / Woodland.PrimaryCare@ramsayhealth.co.uk or 07436 370 973.

03 - Patient Story

Age is no barrier! The Team at Glendon Wood Hospital treated a 102-year-old patient for her second cataract surgery in January 2024. The team at Glendon Wood performed cataract surgery on the patients first eye in October. This patient is delighted with the results of her operation as it allows her to live independently and enjoy doing her crosswords!



04 - ROSA

September we officially launched a new state-of-the-art robotic system for Self-Pay and Private Medically Insured patients requiring total knee replacement surgery. As a hospital we continue to invest in advanced medical technology for the benefit of our patients. The robotic surgical assistant called the ROSA Knee system is now being used at the Woodland Hospital to enable surgeons to perform surgery with the utmost precision.

As a result, patients will benefit from faster recovery, achieve a greater degree of joint flexibility and function, and are able to return to their normal activities quicker. Our Orthopaedic Consultant Mr Shukla will have performed a total of 50 procedures with the assistance of ROSA by May 2024. More of our Orthopaedic consultants will be looking to get training from the ROSA reps to be able to perform some surgeries alongside Mr Shukla, also looking to increase our options and look to progress into Shoulder and Hip surgery.

A private referral is required for patients who are potentially interested in robotic assisted surgery. Our consultants will then discuss with the patient if robotic surgery is appropriate.

05 - Oxford Scores for NHS Orthopaedic patients

Any patients that are sent through with a referral for Hip and Knee replacement through the NHS will need funding for their procedure. Some patients already come with prior approval which is great for ensuring a streamlined pathway which gets the patients onto the elective list for surgery straight away.

When we put the patient forward to request funding for their surgery, we must have an Oxford Score. If you are able to complete an Oxford score with your patients before the referral, please can you make sure that you either scan in, upload the form or simply write in the score on the referral. This can be in the body of the information of just in the free text to say why you are sending the patients over to Woodland Hospital and will prevent repetition and unnecessary calls to the patient.

06 - Smear tests at Woodland Hospital

Please be aware that Independent Sector Providers are not able to provide cervical screening to NHS patients, as NHS England wish to ensure that all such tests are undertaken in NHS sites and recorded in Open Exeter, the national screening database. If the patient is wanting to have a smear test that is outside of the NHS screening dates, they can attend Woodland Hospital on a Self-Pay basis and have this done. If a patient is referred as a Private Patient and the consultant takes a cervical screen for clinical reasons this is covered by the patient's insurance. Both Private options will not be entered onto the national NHS database so patients will still need to attend their screening appointments through the NHS when invited.



07 - CPD Educational Events

At Woodland and Glendon Wood Hospital we would be happy to work with you to support your training needs that are required for your continuous professional development (CPD). We can help provide speakers for:

- Consultant led clinical education events.
- GP's, Registered nurses, Healthcare assistants, Allied Health Professionals, Physician Associates and Locums are all welcome.
- Combination of face to face and virtual clinical education events are available on the topics you want to hear about.

We are looking to host some Orthopaedic Masterclass events this year with several speakers, I will be sending out an invitation to see if people would be interested in these types of events. Please contact Rebecca Dray on above information

All events will award CPD points & are free to attend. If you are a primary care network lead, please contact our primary care team so we can plan educational events for your network.

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