

Our normal opening hours are
from Monday to Friday between
09.00 to 17.00 hours

For appointments during or outside
normal opening hours please call
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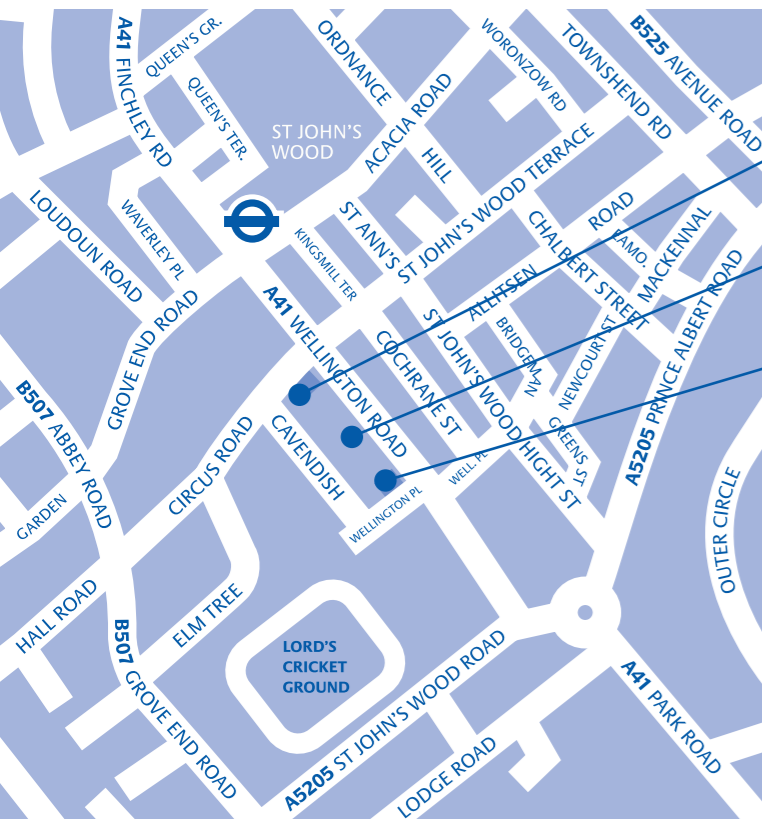
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Cardiology Services



The Wellington Hospital North

Wellington Central

The Wellington Hospital South

Nearest London Underground Station
St. John's Wood on the Jubilee Line.

Nearest car park
Kingsmill Terrace.
There are also parking meters in the
streets surrounding the hospital.



Diagnostic Cardiology Services

The Wellington Hospital has an international reputation for outstanding care in different areas of medicine including Clinical Cardiology Services.

Our well-established cardiology department has recently undergone major refurbishment. We now have three cardiac catheterisation labs and a bright and spacious purpose built non-invasive suite. The whole department is equipped with the very latest medical technology and staffed by professional, experienced Cardiac Physiologists, Nurses and Radiographers whose aim is to work with you to give your patients fast access to high quality, no fuss diagnostic cardiac investigations.

We can offer you a whole range of non-invasive cardiological investigations. Results from all investigations along with a Cardiologist's report will be despatched to you within 24 hours via your chosen method.

Your patients will usually be offered an appointment on the same day, or within 24 hours if possible, for most outpatient investigations.

Resting Electrocardiography

Specialist cardiac physiologists who are able to interpret the tracings perform all ECGs.

Ambulatory ECG Monitoring

For patients with suspected intermittent arrhythmias we can make an appointment for them to undergo 24, 48 or 72 hour Holter monitoring. Specialist cardiac physiologists who fit the monitors also analyse and interpret the recordings immediately on return of the monitor. They also prepare the results for the cardiologists report. Alternatively we can offer an efficient and reliable analysis only service if you have your own recorders. Our analysis software supports a wide range of recorders. Please enquire for more details.

Event Recording/cardio memo

Useful if the patient suffers from occasional symptoms, event recorders are issued for up to 2 weeks at a time. Specialist cardiac physiologists instruct the patient on how to activate the device and interpret the downloaded recordings.

Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring

Attached and downloaded by cardiac physiologists. Reynolds Medical supplies all our ambulatory monitoring equipment.

Exercise Electrocardiography

Exercise testing is carried out using a GE Marquette treadmill with experienced, ALS trained cardiac physiologist in attendance. Our resident medic is immediately available should he be required. Full resuscitation equipment is available in the room. Current guidelines require that the patient's full cardiac history be available as some patients may be precluded from exercise testing due to pre-existing pathologies or arrhythmias.

Pacemaker and Implantable defibrillator function checks

We already have a large database of patients who attend regularly for their pacemaker checks. We have an extensive variety of pacemaker programmers: Medtronic, Guidant, ELA, Vitatron, Sorin and Biotonik are just a few. Specialist Cardiac Physiologists perform these checks and undertake any necessary reprogramming of the device to maximise clinical benefits to the patient and efficiency of the device.

Echocardiography

Echocardiography is being requested for more and more patients. Its value as a tool in the diagnosis and management of many conditions, such as heart failure, is being recognised. We have 3 GE Vingmed Ultrasound machines. Highly Specialist Cardiac Physiologists perform these investigations and also produce a report. All images are stored on optical disc, which are reviewed by a specialist Consultant Cardiologist within 24 hours.

In addition to diagnostic transthoracic Echocardiograms we also provide the following specialised Echocardiography studies which are performed in conjunction with visiting Consultant Cardiologists. these include:

- **Stress echo studies** for identifying hibernating myocardium in CAD. Dobutamine infusions are used for patients who are unable to exercise on a treadmill
- **Contrast echo** studies for identifying atrial septal defects
- **Trans oesophageal echocardiograms** (inpatient day case only) to identify more discreet structures or if previous trans thoracic echo studies have been inconclusive.

Please contact us for details of how to refer and book appointments and for information on payment options.