

YAS DIRECT ACCESS TO SURGICAL ASSESSMENT UNIT (SAU)

DIRECT ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Post-operative General Surgery wound problem;
 - Infection
 - Haematoma
 - dehiscence (within 4 weeks of surgery)
- Abscess – perianal, pilonidal, breast, groin, axilla, torso
- Symptomatic hernia – not ‘groin pain’
- PEG/NG/NJ/jejunostomy tube problem

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Patient requires oxygen
- Patient has a news score of ≥ 4

Paramedic team calls on call surgical registrar (01904 721352)

Take patient directly to ED

Registrar answers and accepts patient to SAU

Registrar not available (scrubbed in theatre)

Registrar not available or doesn't answer phone

Registrar answers phone and advises not suitable for SAU

Patient taken directly to SAU (24hr access)

Leave a message with scrub team (if possible)

Retry after 5 minutes. If no answer take patient to ED

Take patient directly to ED

Registrar to call back and either accept or decline to SAU