

GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN REQUIRING ACUTE ADMISSION TO THE CHILDREN'S WARD

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AGE RANGE

1. All children up until their 16th birthday who require admission should be admitted to the Children's Ward. Possible exceptions include young women undergoing Termination of Pregnancy procedures, or post-pubertal children who specifically request admission to an adult environment. Equally some older children who are still under active Paediatric follow-up, should still be admitted to the children's ward
2. **All infants under the age of 12 months will be primarily admitted under a Paediatrician, regardless of the underlying diagnosis.** Consultation with other specialists will take place as required. Infants of this age who require general surgical input will usually be referred to Mr. Secker if he is available.

SPECIFIC ACUTE CONDITIONS

Acute onset monoarticular arthritis

- Initial admission under Orthopaedics (except < 1 year).

Cellulitis

- Associated with trauma or joint – admit under Orthopaedics (except < 1 year).
- Primary cellulitis elsewhere including facial – admit under Paediatrics.

Possible non-accidental injury

- Admit under Paediatric team or refer ASAP if already under another specialist.

Burns

- Admit under Paediatrics.

Head Injury

- Admit under General Surgeons (except < 1 year).

Acute Abdominal Pain

- Admit under General surgeons (except < 1 year).

Inguinal hernias

- Admit under General surgeons (except < 1 year).

Acute swelling or pain in testis

- Admit under Urologist (except < 1 year).

Possible pyloric stenosis

- Admit under Paediatrics.

Possible Intussusception

- Admit under Paediatrics.

Childhood Fractures

- Admit under Orthopaedics (except < 1 year).