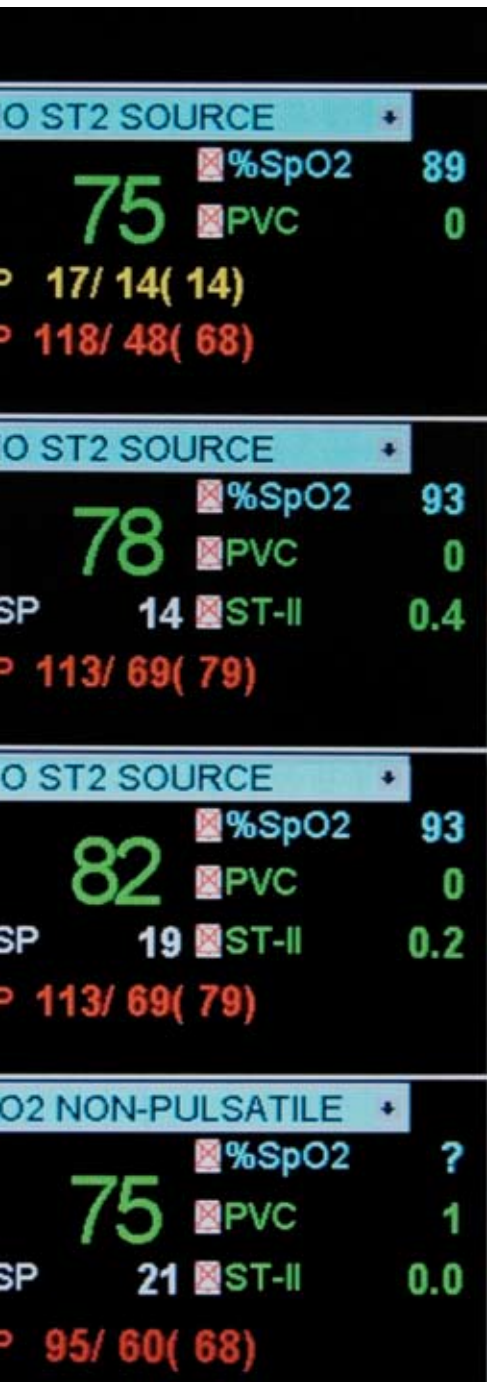


The Wellington Critical Care Services

The highest standard. Day or night.



When patients are critically ill, there should be no question about the resources they need and no excuses about lack of capacity. The Wellington Hospital – the UK’s largest private hospital – provides an unquestionably high standard of care, specialist expertise and technology, whether day or night.

Our in-depth capability

Critical Care is delivered by a team of nurses, doctors and allied health professionals who specialise in intensive care, supervised by specialist intensive care consultants.

- We have a total of 14 beds, all capable of level 3 care, with an additional four dedicated level 2 beds.
- We have none of the capacity issues which can be so problematic in similar service providers.
- Major surgery is accommodated in our Level 3 facilities– whether general/neuro or cardiac services. Medical admissions also pose no problems for the skills and experience of the Level 3 clinical team.
- We can provide the highest levels of organ support for medical and surgical patients, including haemofiltration and complex ventilatory support.

- Minor surgery patients and after care for patients with high risk medical histories requiring monitoring and/or high dependency care are appropriately provided for in our level 2 facilities.
- Our Intensive Care facilities provide care for more than 3500 patient days a year – more than any other Independent sector provider in the UK.
- We manage long-term complex intensive care needs such as specialist ventilatory requirements, weaning issues, renal replacement therapy, haemodynamic support (including IABP and BIVAD) and a large number of cardiac and neurosurgery cases every year.
- Specialist intensive care for recovering brain injury patients and stabilisation before neuro-rehabilitation.
- In addition, The Wellington Hospital is supported by the biggest telemetry capability in the UK with more than 45 cardiac service in-patient beds fully supported with either hardwire or telemetered monitoring facilities.

The highest standards – by independent audit

Our ongoing commitment is to lead the way in quality standards in healthcare, publishing outcome data that demonstrates our outstanding performance. As the first ICU in the independent sector to join the Intensive Care National Audit & Research Centre (ICNARC) Case Mix Programme for national audit of intensive care and under the stewardship of our team, outcomes at the Wellington rank amongst the best for any hospital in the UK:

- MRSA rates 6 times lower than other London hospitals (compared with most recent NHS data)
- Less than 1% of patients experience unplanned returns to the operating theatre
- More ITU and HDU beds than any other private hospital group
- Patient survival rates are more than double when compared to predicted expected death models such as APACHE II and the ICNARC model (source: Intensive Care National Audit Research Centre)
- Award winning – current Cardiac Centre of Excellence award by comparators and benchmarking with 2 other UK private facilities and more than 150 facilities in the USA
- One of the cleanest and safest environments in the healthcare sector, backed by vigorous infection control mechanisms.

Intensive care team – 24/7

By definition, criticality is time sensitive – delay is not an option. Our team of Consultant Intensivists are on 24-hour call, led by Dr. Adrian Steele and Dr. Simon Ashworth. Both have strong links with renowned London teaching hospitals.

They are supported with 24-hour resident medical cover by an Intensivist Resident Medical Officer (Specialist Registrar) and a specialist nursing team with relevant post-graduate qualifications and experience.

Specialist support, latest technology 24-Hour support

- 24hr on-site pharmacy support with access to pharmacists experienced in critical care
- 24hr theatre support, including cardio-pulmonary bypass and laminar flow facilities
- on-call Consultant Neurologist
- on-call Haematologist

- on-call Consultant Physician
- GI consultant support with appropriate endoscopic diagnostic support
- Cardiac technician with full access to modern cardiac imaging equipment
- plus other speciality on-call rotas including specialist radiologists

Technology

There is open access to cutting-edge radiology with full imaging capabilities that include the latest 64-slice CT, MRI, ultrasound and general X-ray, all supported by state of the art PACS systems.

Comprehensive support

Cardiac technician support plus a full complement of therapists and AHP support including physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, dietetics, neuro-psychology and neurophysiology



Our critical partnership with you and the hospital

Patient safety and survival is vital to us. You can expect your patients to be treated by highly skilled doctors, nurses and Allied Healthcare Professionals. Our team of London teaching hospital intensive care consultants consult and do rounds 365 days a year.

Our hospital-wide Modified Early Warning System helps to ensure appropriate admissions to higher levels of care. Advanced Life Support providers are on site 24-hours-a-day with additional surgical and cardiac Resident Medical Officers supporting the ICU Resident Medical Officers. With multiple speciality back-up, we aim to be capable of handling any eventuality.

We consistently deliver the highest standards in critical care through a total commitment to robust audit and governance.

Our specialist team – and what they have achieved



Dr. Adrian Steele, Consultant Intensivist

Dr. Adrian Steele BA MRCP FRCA qualified at Cambridge University. He first trained in medicine at Addenbrooke's and The Royal London Hospital. Later he trained in anaesthesia and intensive care medicine in London at St Bartholomew's and St George's Hospitals. Dr. Steele has been a Consultant in Intensive Care at the Hammersmith Hospital's Trust since 2000. He has been Director of Intensive Care at the Wellington Hospital since 2002. Dr. Steele is a general adult intensivist with particular interests in trauma, neurological critical care and long-term weaning.



Dr. Simon Ashworth, Consultant Intensivist

Simon Ashworth BSc(Hons) BM MRCP(UK) FRCA trained in Medicine at Southampton, and underwent postgraduate medical training initially in General medicine and Intensive Care at Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham, and then in Anaesthesia and Intensive care in London. He spent time during his postgraduate training at St Mary's Hospital, the Royal Brompton Hospital, the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery Queen Square, the Royal Marsden, and Hammersmith Hospital. He was accredited in 2002, and is a Consultant in Intensive Care at St Mary's Hospital, London. Dr. Ashworth is a general adult intensivist with interests including multiresistant infections, difficult ventilation, and organ protection strategies especially neuroprotection. He was the principle author of the regional critical care transfer training course, and has been involved in work on the early identification and intervention in patients with incipient critical illness.



Quentin Barter, Critical Care Clinical Lead

Quentin Barter has been a practicing registered general nurse since completing his nurse training in 1990 in Townsville, North Queensland, Australia. He has been employed at The Wellington Hospital within the critical care environment since September 2002 and has held the post of Clinical Lead, Critical Care for the past three years. He is an advanced adult life support (ALS) provider and instructor through the United Kingdom Resuscitation Council.

His prior experience includes two years general / trauma / neuro ICU, six years cardio-thoracic and two years in acute coronary care, all predominantly in North Queensland, Australia and the UK. In 1997 he attained a graduate certificate in Critical Care (cardio-thoracic) from the New South Wales Royal College of Nursing. Quentin is actively involved with point of care testing issues and clinical education within The Wellington Hospital and the HCA International group of hospitals in London.

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