

The Red Apron Initiative

Information for patients and visitors



What is this leaflet about?

Ward 9 and the Quality Improvement Team are promoting **safe medication administration**.

Our nurses will wear **red aprons with “Drug Round in Progress – Do Not Disturb”** printed on them while giving medications. This helps create a **protected environment** for patient safety.

Why it matters

- Medication **errors** are a leading cause of harm in healthcare.
- Interruptions **during drug rounds** increase the risk of mistakes.
- Nurses need **full concentration** to ensure the right medication, dose, and timing.

What you can do

- **Avoid approaching nurses** wearing the red apron.
- Only interrupt for emergencies.
- Use alternative communication methods:
 - Wait until the drug round is complete
 - Speak to another staff member
 - Leave a note for the nurse.

Additional Information

- This initiative is part of our commitment to patient safety.
- If you have questions about your medication, please ask **before or after the drug round**.
- For feedback or concerns, please speak to a member of the Ward 9 nursing team or contact the Quality Improvement Team at:

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Interpretation and Translation

This leaflet may be made available in a larger print, Braille or your community language.

Thank you for supporting safe patient care

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