

# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TEAM GENERAL MEDICINE SERVICES

## **What we do**

The Occupational Therapy team for General Medicine work with adult patients who may have problems associated with Cardiac, Respiratory, Renal, Dermatology, Haematology or Oncology conditions

We work very closely as a team to facilitate safe and timely discharges and this may involve some of the following interventions with patients :

- Carrying out functional and cognitive assessments
- Working with the terminally ill on the medical wards and implementing appropriate intervention.
- Involved in discharge planning which is often complex
- Assessment for and the fitting of all relevant equipment.
- Assessments and provision of hoists and slings.
- Demonstrating safe use and fitting of equipment to patients, family and carers.
- Wheelchair assessment and provision.
- Involved in referral of patients for further rehabilitation before being discharged home.
- OT assessments assist in determining level of care the patient may require for home on discharge.
- Referrals are made to community colleagues and outside agencies for follow up on discharge.
- The use of Oxygen Therapy with patients during daily activities
- Involvement in carrying out a lifestyle management session within the Pulmonary rehabilitation group in the community.

## **Where we are**

The 4 speciality wards which we cover are Cardiac, Respiratory, Renal/Dermatology, Haematology/ Oncology. We are based on Wards 31, 32, 33 and 34