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- Medications may be prescribed to control behaviour in persons with dementia. These medications are prescribed only when other methods have failed. Their use should be as directed by your doctor and regular review and follow up are required.
- It is important that all other steps have been taken to manage behavioural symptoms in persons with dementia before medications are used.
- The main class of drugs used to manage agitation in dementia are anti-psychotics.
 - There are many different types of anti-psychotics.
 - The effect of each drug can vary greatly amongst individuals.
 - The doctor will assess your loved one and prescribe the most appropriate drug.
- There may be a need to adjust the dosage of the drug or switch to another drug.
- At times there may be several medication changes before the best combination is found for your loved one.
- Please attend all scheduled medical appointments.

What Are The Possible Side Effects?

- Drowsiness/ sleepiness.
- Parkinsonism (tremor and shaking).
- Increased risk of falls.
- Increased risk of stroke.
- Heart rhythm problems.
- Worsening memory/ cognitive function.
- Slight increased risk of death.

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Things To Note While On The Medication

- Follow the advice of the doctor.
- Report any side effects.
- Note down changes in behaviour while on the medication.
- Stop the medication/ reduce the dose if loved one is too drowsy.
- It is important to engage the person with dementia even while on medication. Scheduled activities, regular exercise, calming environment and attending to physical and emotional needs are vital.



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This information has been prepared by the Memory Clinic at Alexandra Hospital (AH). The AH Memory Clinic offers comprehensive assessment, support and management of those with memory problems through a multi-disciplinary team.

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Contact Us

24-HR Urgent Care Centre

Location

Block 6, Level 1

Operating Hours

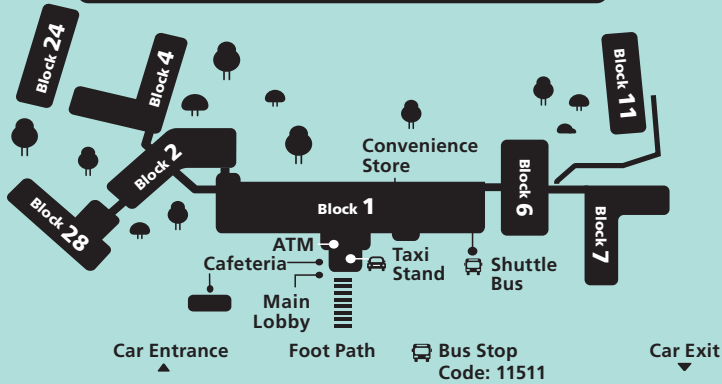
24 hours, 7 days a week

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How to Get Around Alexandra Hospital



Block 1

Level 1

- Clinic F, Clinical Measurement Centre
- Pharmacy

Level 2

- Clinic J, Integrated Care Clinic
 - Gynaecology Clinic
 - Outpatient Infusion Centre (OPIC)
 - Podiatry
- Clinic K, Healthy Ageing Clinic
 - Dietetics
 - General Surgery Clinic
 - Palliative Clinic
 - Physiotherapy
 - Rehabilitation & Restorative Medicine Clinic
 - Staff Clinic
 - Urology Clinic
 - Vascular Clinic

Level 3

- Ward 7

Block 2

Level 1

- Clinic D, Dental Centre
- Clinic E
 - Anaesthesia Outpatient Consultation Clinic
 - Orthopaedic Centre

Level 3

- Day Surgery Operating Theatre (DSOT)

Block 4

Level 1

- Ambulatory Surgery Centre
- Endoscopy Centre
- Rehabilitation 1

Level 2

- Wards 2 and 3

Level 3

- Wards 4 and 5

Block 6

Level 1

- Diagnostic Imaging 2 (DI 2)
- 24-HR Urgent Care Centre

Level 2

- Diagnostic Imaging 3 (DI 3)
- Major Operating Theatres 1 and 2 (MOT 1 & 2)

Level 3

- Intensive Care Unit 1 (ICU 1)
- Major Operating Theatres 3 and 4 (MOT 3 & 4)

Block 7

Level 1

- Wards 8 and 9

Level 2

- Wards 10 and 11

Level 3

- Wards 12 and 13

Block 11

Level 1

- Rehabilitation 2

Block 28

Level 1

- Care and Counselling
- Clinic A, Ear, Nose and Throat Centre (ENT Centre)

Level 2

- Clinic B, Eye Surgery Centre

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