

Who's who and what do they do?

Activity sheet



Welcome to our hospital! It takes a whole team of people to give you the best possible care and keep a hospital running. But sometimes it can be a bit confusing to know who's who and what they do.

In this activity sheet, we take a fun look at a few of the people you are most likely to meet, and what their roles are.

Connect the person with their role

Do you know your house surgeon from your consultant; your registrar from your registered nurse? Draw a line from the person's role to what they do. Don't forget to ask us if you're stuck!

Registrar

Helps with the day-to-day care of patients, under the supervision of registered nurses and other qualified medical staff

Registered nurse

Senior doctor who has completed specialist training

House officer/Senior house officer

Has worked as a doctor for at least three years

Consultant/Specialist

A fully trained nurse who is registered with the Nursing Council of New Zealand

Health care assistant

Doctor who has finished their medical degree and is in their first years of working as a doctor

Others in the team – what do they do? Circle the answer you think is correct.

1. A phlebotomist:

- collects blood from patients for testing in laboratories
- studies plants and animals, like David Attenborough
- uses x-rays and other imaging to diagnose and treat illnesses.

2. An orderly/porter:

- helps you find your seat at the movie theatre
- helps transport patients, medical equipment and supplies to and from wards and departments in hospitals
- helps ships find their way into port.

3. A physiotherapist may see you if you need rehabilitation following illness, injury or surgery, to assess mobility and possibly teach you exercise to strengthen muscles.

True/False (Circle one)

4. An occupational therapist:

- can help you find a new business premise
- can console you after losing an important sports match
- helps people who have difficulties with daily living tasks – such as making meals, bathing, dressing, housework, driving – to learn new ways of doing things so they can take part in everyday life.

There are many more people involved in your care, but we hope you've found it useful to meet just a few of them today!

(Answers are over the page)



Answers

- A registrar has worked as a doctor for at least three years.
- A registered nurse has completed a nursing degree and is registered under the registered nurse scope of practice with the Nursing Council of New Zealand.
- A house officer/senior house officer has finished their medical degree and is in their first years of working as a doctor.
- A consultant or specialist is a senior doctor who has completed specialist training.
- A health care assistant helps with the day-to-day care of patients, under the supervision of registered nurses and other qualified clinical staff.

1. A phlebotomist:

- a. collects blood from patients for testing in laboratories.

2. An orderly/porter:

- b. runs the hospital's 'courier' services. This may include moving you or equipment around the hospital.

3. True. A physiotherapist may see you if you need rehabilitation following illness, injury or surgery, to assess mobility and possibly teach you exercise to strengthen muscles.

4. An occupational therapist:

- c. helps people who have difficulties with daily living tasks – such as making meals, bathing, dressing, housework, driving – to learn new ways of doing things so they can take part in everyday life.

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