

**St. James's Hospital
Respiratory Assessment Unit (RAU)
Home Visit
GP Referral Form**



Please tick service required

Admission Avoidance

The team will provide home visits to manage acute exacerbations of COPD in the community.

Long Term Oxygen Therapy/ Non-invasive ventilation (NIV)

Supportive home visits following commencement of home oxygen or NIV.

Patients Name:

Address:

Tel:

DOB:

Name of referring GP:

Address:

Tel:

Previously attended RAU	Yes	No
Previously attended Respiratory Physician in SJH	Yes	No
	Name:	

Current Problems	Current Medications

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Address:

	Patients are suitable for admission avoidance home visits if they meet all of the following Inclusion Criteria	Yes
(1)	Diagnosis of COPD	
(2)	Agreement by patient and carer / family to home visits	
(3)	Suitable social circumstances for home nursing (must have access to telephone)	
(4)	Appropriate degree of home support if living alone.	
(5)	Resides in SJH catchment area	

	Patients are <u>Not</u> suitable for admission avoidance home visits if they meet any of the following Exclusion Criteria	No
(1)	Suspected underlying malignancy	
(2)	Suspected PE, MI, CCF	
(3)	Requirement for IV therapy (unless community IV's arranged)	
(4)	Cognitive impairment that prevents self care (unless sufficient care provided by carer)	

Referring Doctor

Signed: _____ Referral Date: _____

Procedure for Referral:

- Please discuss all referrals with a member of the RAU team.
- Complete & fax both pages of referral form.
- Inclusion/Exclusion criteria must be completed for admission avoidance home visits.
- Admission avoidance referrals received before 13.00 can be visited on same day. Referrals received after 13.00 will be visited next day.
- All other referrals will be visited within 5 working days.
- Office hours Monday to Friday 08.30 to 18.00.

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