

Mixed Gender Room

Sharing a room with people of any gender

During your admission you will be moved to the first available bed on the unit. You may be sharing a room with a patient who has a different gender than your own (e.g. female, male, trans, non-binary or two-spirit).

Why might you be in a mixed gender room?

1. To move you into an inpatient bed faster

Moving patients to the first available bed helps provide timely care and prevents service delays for patients. You will be cared for by staff who have the knowledge and skills to meet your individual needs.

2. It will keep our Emergency Department open

The first available bed on an inpatient unit may be in a room with a person who has a different gender than your own. If you prefer to be in a room with a person who is the same gender, you may have to wait longer in the Emergency Department. Leaving the Emergency Department as quickly as possible to a bed on an inpatient unit, helps keep our Emergency Department open for other patients.

3. To stop your surgery or procedure from being postponed or delayed

If you need to have surgery or a procedure, it may be postponed or delayed if there is no bed for you to go to afterward.

4. It will provide the safest location for you during isolation

You may need to be in isolation for infection control reasons. If you need to be in isolation, you will be in a room either by yourself or with another patient with the same condition.

5. To provide supervised care

A health care provider may need to stay in the room with you at all times when you need to be supervised for your safety or the safety of others. Sometimes, this health care provider may be providing care to 2 patients in the same room. You may need to share a room with another person having the same needs.

**Please discuss any questions or concerns with your
health care provider.**

Thank you!