

Urgent care advice for Medical Staff after your patient undergoes Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS)

National Scottish Deep
Brain Stimulation Service
Queen Elizabeth University
Hospital Glasgow



This leaflet gives you information and useful contact information if your patient needs advice after having Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS).

Wound Issues (e.g. potential infection or breakdown of skin)

Immediately after surgery (e.g. up to 3 weeks afterwards)

If your patient thinks they have a wound infection or are worried about their wound they should contact the Neurosurgical Wards at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital as soon as possible.

- Ward 64 - ☎ 0141 201 2015

Or medical staff can contact the on-call neurosurgical registrar at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Glasgow.

Any Mechanical or Electrical Issue with the battery (Pulse Generator)

If they are having problems with the battery they may have to check the hand held programmer if they have one. (The programmer allows you to adjust the neurostimulator and to turn it on and off). If they are unsure how to do this they can phone the DBS team for advice or we can arrange for them to attend the clinic. (Please see the contact details).

- Please check that the battery has not been accidentally turned off. This could lead to symptoms being uncontrolled. But can be easily switched back on with a hand-held programmer.
- If the programmer shows the Elective Replacement Indicator (ERI) this means the battery is low and will need replaced over the next few months. This is not an emergency. Please contact the DBS Administrator.

- If the programmer shows End of Life (EOL) this means the battery needs replaced. If their symptoms or condition worsens they should contact their GP for advice and we may need to replace this urgently. Otherwise, please contact the DBS administrator to arrange to have the battery replaced.
- For any other issues relating to the battery or the handheld programmer please contact the DBS administrator.

You can find further information in the DBS booklet, if you do not have a copy please contact the DBS administrator.

Contact Details

Please contact DBS Administrators

Margaret Reynolds and Maria Nicol on ☎ **0141 232 7512**
(Monday to Friday - 8:15am to 3:00pm)

✉ ggc.dbsadmin@nhs.scot

The initial point of contact should be the patients GP or local neurosurgical or neurology team.

In an emergency medical staff can contact the on-call neurosurgical team via the hospital switchboard on ☎ **0141 201 1100**.



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