

# K-Block Level 9 – East and West

K9 is the surgical inpatient precinct in K-Block Level 9.



## K9W General and Vascular Surgery

General and vascular surgery provides treatment and care to surgical patients for conditions including hernia repair, breast surgery, bariatric surgery and gallbladder surgery. The women's and children's precinct has been designed to accommodate gynaecological surgery on K7W.

Vascular surgery includes conditions related to arteries, veins and lymphatic circulation including repair of aneurysms, disorders of arteries and varicose veins.

K9W is a 32-bed ward that has:

- five one-bed rooms
- two one-bed negative pressure isolation rooms
- one designated bariatric room
- 12 two-bed capacity rooms.





## K9E Orthopaedics and Surgical Specialities

Orthopaedics and Surgical Specialities provides treatment and care to surgical patients admitted under orthopaedics, plastics and reconstructive surgery including burns; Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT); ophthalmology; Oral and Maxillofacial (OMF); and urology.

Orthopedic surgery includes treatment of musculoskeletal disorders involving trauma, sports injuries, degenerative diseases, infections, tumors, and congenital disorders. The service provides general orthopaedics, joint replacement, orthotics and a wide range of other specialised components. Physiotherapy and occupational therapists work closely with the service and are an integral part of the provision of care.

Plastics and reconstructive surgery involve treatment of disorders of the skin and tissues requiring surgeries of varying complexity, including care of complex wounds, skin grafts, reconstructive breast surgery and reconstructive flaps. Plastics and reconstructive surgery includes the Tasmanian Burns Unit which is the statewide provider for paediatric and adult patients that need specialised burns care.

OMF involves acute oral surgery and can include surgery to unerupted teeth, cleft palates surgery, surgery for head and neck cancers, facial trauma, facial cellulitis and salivary gland disease. OMF provides a statewide service.

ENT is a specialty that treats disease, injuries or deformations of the ears, nose, throat, head and neck. ENT involves a broad range of complexity from uncomplicated elective cases to highly complex procedures. Complex ENT problems may require radiotherapy and plastic and reconstructive surgery to maximise the quality of care the patient receives.

Urology is a specialty that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of both the male and female urinary tract, as well as, the male reproductive tract. Urology may involve elective and acute procedures and trauma cases.

Ophthalmology involves the treatment of disorders of the eye due to disease or trauma.

K9E is a 33-bed ward that has seven single rooms which include:

- five one-bed rooms
- one negative pressure isolation room
- one designated bariatric room.

K9E also has thirteen two-bed capacity rooms.

K9E has a therapy room for localised physiotherapy and occupational therapy treatments.



## K9 General Information

All patient rooms have ensuites.

There are a set of inbuilt electronic floor scales to support accurate weighing of patients standing or in a bed or chair on levels K6 to K10.

The K-Block design recognises the needs of families and friends in the care of their loved ones in hospital. Patients, visitors and staff are greeted at a reception counter at the entrance to either side of the unit (East or West).

Many inpatient areas incorporate family-centred spaces. Lift foyers have been designed to provide space for families to wait when a patient is receiving a treatment. There is also a disability-designed visitor toilet.

Staff areas on K9 include staff bases, staff rooms, offices, lockers and toilets, and multi-purpose/breakout areas with kitchenettes for meetings and in-service training.

K9 is supported with clean utility rooms and dirty utility rooms, more storage cupboards and equipment rooms and spaces and a cleaner's cupboard and disposal area.

## More Information

Bariatric rooms are designed to accommodate and maintain the dignity of the morbidly obese patient and support staff health and safety. K-Block includes seven bariatric rooms with up to 500kg capacity and are provided on each of the K9 wards.

Negative pressure isolation rooms are designed for patients with known infectious conditions. They have an internal staff handwash basin, direct access to an ensuite toilet and shower, and anteroom (airlock) to maintain air pressurisation to prevent the spread of infectious droplets. K-Block has been designed using best practice infection control and prevention measures. There are 22 negative pressure rooms in K-Block.

