

**URGENT - FOR THE NOTICE OF ALL MEDICAL
AND NURSING STAFF**

DAEDALUS AND DRYAD WARDS

GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

In the event of a suspected fracture and/or dislocation in a patient on the ward the following must be adhered to:

1. Ensure the patient is comfortable and pain free
2. Call out Staff Grade or the duty doctor (out of hours)
3. If after a medical examination a fracture and/or dislocation cannot be confidently excluded an urgent X-Ray must be arranged as soon as is possible. If this is not possible at GWMH, the patient must be transferred to the nearest A & E Department irrespective of the time of day.
4. If for any reason this is not done (eg: in someone who is for palliative care) this must be discussed with the next-of-kin and documented in the medical and nursing notes.
5. If there is any concern about making the right decision the duty Geriatrician should be contacted via QA switchboard.

If there is any problem with carrying this out please let me know.

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