Processing of patients who are eligible for admission to CDU.

Direct access to CDU from triage (0800-2100hrs).

Patients who have been sent by a GP with a diagnosis of :

- Possible DVT
- Cellulitis requiring treatment **(non IV abuser)**

can be sent directly from triage to CDU to be initially assessed and managed by staff there. Other patients with a similar diagnosis but no GP assessment should be **discussed with a senior doctor** prior to direct transfer to CDU or formally assessed by the CDU Fellow.

A&E doctor assesses patient and decides on potential **eligibility for CDU*.** Writes relevant history, examination and impression in A&E notes and refers to CDU Fellow with reason for referral.

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CDU Fellow assesses patient in A&E and if eligible for CDU, completes CDU protocol with **RELEVANT** information.

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CDU Fellow orders relevant X rays and blood tests (which can be done on CDU). Also completes drug charts and relevant forms for investigations.
X rays to be reviewed in A&E or on next CDU round according to clinical need.

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Patient transferred to CDU for further investigation and processing by CDU staff.
Decision making rounds by CDU Fellows at :

08.30-10.30
14.00-15.00
17.00-18.00
21.30-22.00

***Eligibility for CDU**

- Relatively independent and self caring.
- High likelihood of discharge within 24hrs.
- Meets criteria for following protocols:
  - Cardiac chest pain
  - PE
  - DVT
  - Syncope
  - Asthma
  - Renal colic
  - Minor head injury
  - Cellulitis
  - Anaphylaxis

What to do between 2am –8am OR if a bed is not immediately available on CDU.

- Between 2am-8am if the patient is stable **(discuss with senior doctor or senior nurse),** the A&E SHO can complete relevant CDU documentation, investigations etc and transfer to CDU. Patient will be reviewed by CDU Fellow at 8.30am. Alternatively can wait in A&E until 8am.
- Between 8am and 2am if bed is not available, patients can wait in A&E (max of 4 patients) until bed becomes available.

Weekend working for CDU.

Same entry criteria, but limitation on the number of protocols for the time being :
-Cardiac chest pain
-DVT
-Syncope
-Asthma
-Renal colic
-Minor head injury
-Cellulitis

Decision rounds :

09.00-09.15
12.00-13.30
18.00-19.30