



## Nursing, Gympie Health Service Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM) Close Observation Care Area (COCA)

### Location

12 Henry Street  
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Main Block, Ground Level

### Shift Times

Early (E)	Early (EH)	Late (LA)	Late (L)	Night (NW)
0700 - 1530	0900 - 1730	1200 - 2030	1430 - 2300	2245 - 0715

Shift times may vary dependant on the clinical requirements of each area, please ensure you are familiar with your rostered shift times and any variances at commencement of placement (weekend shift times etc.)

### Placement Details

**The Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM)** has 7 emergency cubicles, 3 Resus bays, 5 Nurse Practitioner bays, 1 MH assessment room, and provides care for approximately 80 presentations a day. Patients may present with trauma, mental health, cardiac and/or complex medical/surgical conditions.

**Close Observation Care Area (COCA)** is a 7 bed unit co-located on the same level as the Emergency Department and provides adult inpatient health care services to patients with more complex care needs who require close monitoring including telemetry for short term acute medical/surgical care.

### Learning Objectives/Opportunities

- Adult and Paediatric assessment skills
- Complex medication management including IV, IM, SC.
- Basic and advanced life support measures
- Management of transfusions and infusions
- Participating/observing in deteriorating patients and medical emergencies
- Participating/observing in health education and advanced communication skills
- Liaising with medical and allied health services to facilitate the patient journey from admission, care provision and back to the community
- Primary and Secondary assessments
- Assisting with the application of casts and wound care
- Indwelling Catheter and Nasogastric tube insertion and care
- ECG's and management of chest pain
- Time Management, prioritisation and handover – ISBAR

### Pre- reading/revisiting

Comprehensive assessment and prioritisation of care using complex scenarios and safe medication administration would be recommended prior to commencement of clinical placement.