

K-Block Level 4 – K4

K4 accommodates new operating and procedure rooms and pre- and post-surgery support areas.



K4 also connects to level 4 of A-Block (Endoscopy), C-Block (Short Stay Surgery) and D-Block (existing theatres) forming a theatre precinct.

The RHH provides elective and emergency surgical services for southern Tasmania. It is also Tasmania's tertiary referral centre for all surgical procedures except for transplant surgery, paediatric cardiac surgery, major paediatric orthopaedic surgery and cochlear implant surgery. The RHH is the major provider of elective surgery in Tasmania.





K4W

K4W is the pre- and post-surgery support area including:

- 14-bay holding bay
- 25 Post-Anaesthetic Care Unit (PACU) recovery bays including three isolation bays and
- 19 Short Stay Surgery (SSS) trolleys (complementing 12 chairs in C-Block).

The holding bay is where patients are admitted and cared for until their operating theatre team is ready for them. Patients can expect to be asked to confirm personal and medical information like their name and date of birth and the procedure or surgery they are scheduled to have.

All patients who have had a general anaesthetic in an operating theatre, the cardiac catheterisation lab or the department of medical imaging recover in PACU. Patients typically spent 15-20 minutes in first stage recovery where they wake from their general anaesthetic, re-orientate and have at least two sets of observations taken on room air (at least five minutes apart).

When the patient is conscious and meets the first stage discharge criteria they can then be transferred back to their inpatient ward or SSS for further monitoring and preparation for discharge for same day patients. Patients may stay in SSS for up to 36 hours before going home.

K4E

K4E provides five new operating theatres (increasing capacity at the RHH to 14 theatres), procedure room and angiography and cardio catheterisation lab.

The precinct includes dedicated orthopaedic, trauma and neurosurgery theatres.

Clinicians have access to advanced images or imaging information on-screen, in the theatre, real-time. New audio-visual equipment not previously available at the Royal Hobart, brings high-resolution, imaging information into theatres like x-rays, CTs, and imagery from angiography and the cardiac catheter labs.

K-Block's angiography and cardiac catheterisation procedural suites have state-of-the-art imaging technology improving the quality of imaging and new x-ray technology and will be safer for patients and staff.

Patients will experience minimally invasive interventions and get clinical treatment faster with procedural suites collocated with operating theatres on level 4 of the new inpatient facility.

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