

## General Surgery

### Introduction

This is a wide-ranging area of surgery with many subspecialties. The defining feature of general surgeons is that they have a wide range of knowledge and skills to deal with all kinds of surgical emergencies, with an emphasis on acute abdominal problems. They also carry out a large number of elective operations.

CUH general surgeons also have specialist expertise in upper and lower intestinal surgery, liver and pancreas surgery or transplantation and undertake complex operations. As well as emergencies, they also deliver our hernia and gallbladder surgery.

### Guidance for Patients

Information and advice about hernia and gallbladder surgery can be found via the links below.

The website also has details of what symptoms you should discuss with your GP and when to seek urgent medical attention

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hernia/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/gallstones/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/acute-cholecystitis/>

### What should I do if my health is deteriorating?

If you are waiting for your first outpatient's appointment, please speak to your GP who can contact us to review whether your appointment should be brought forward. If the change in your condition is very urgent your GP can also contact the on-call team for advice.

If you are an existing patient, please contact your consultant's secretary using the details below.

### Contact Us

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