

Karin Grech Rehabilitation Hospital

Structure, Functions and Responsibilities

Karin Grech Rehabilitation Hospital is a 293-bed, rehabilitation hospital situated in Pieta, Malta. It is the only Rehabilitation Hospital on the island and caters for General Rehabilitation including Elderly rehabilitation but focusing mainly on Neurological, Orthopaedic and Trauma Rehabilitation. The Hospital's mission is to work with patients, and their carers, to deliver sustainable, interdisciplinary care and comprehensive rehabilitation at the point of need in synergy with other providers, maximising individual potential and optimising outcomes. The vision is for the Hospital to become a centre of excellence entrusted with the delivery of patient-focused specialised care and rehabilitation.

Our interdisciplinary team treats individuals with the following conditions:

- Fractures, including hip fractures
- Trauma
- Bone and/or tendon surgical repairs
- Musculoskeletal spinal surgery
- Joint replacement revision surgery
- Musculoskeletal injuries and/or surgery resulting in an inpatient rehab admission
- Neurological and other multiple pathologies

Our specialist areas of rehabilitation are:

Neurological Rehabilitation: Our neurological inpatient rehabilitation can address a wide range of neurological conditions, including stroke, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord lesions, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurodegenerative disorders. Following a medical event such as a stroke, it is vital to ensure that patients have the best follow up rehab services in place, to aid their recovery and to give them the best possible quality of life. In many cases, a stay in an inpatient rehabilitation facility will give them the best chance of regaining their health, independence, and quality of life, in a safe and properly equipped environment, until they are able to manage at home safely.

Orthopaedic & Trauma Rehabilitation: Our Musculo-Skeletal rehabilitation addresses various conditions but tackling mainly joint surgery and replacements besides the varied trauma cases. Our rehabilitation teams work in earnest to help the maximum possible recovery also using the benefit of the various modalities that one encounters in the specialty of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Elderly Rehabilitation: Our interdisciplinary teams are dedicated to helping patients recover from injury, illness, or age-related conditions. Such patients usually have multiple pathologies and would have experienced a decline in function, due to a recent hospitalization or illness. Thus, the aim is to improve their mobility and balance; navigate changes associated with aging; manage acute and persistent pain conditions; and provide falls prevention strategies so that they are able to best optimize activities as part of their daily life.

The recurrent expenditure of the hospital is in the region of €25 million per annum and the capital expenditure is that of €1.5 million per annum.

General Description of the Categories of Documents Held

Depending on the operational requirements of Karin Grech Hospital, such information and documents will address and relate to the needs of our patients mainly:

- Human resources
- Administration
- Finance
- Infrastructure
- Patient health.

Karin Grech Rehabilitation Hospital holds information on paper and in computerised information systems. Much of this data falls under the categories of personal data and sensitive personal data, protected in the interests of patients by the Data Protection Act.

Our information may be of internal or external origin, e.g. received from other Hospitals, Clinics and/or Universities, and may be addressed to such organizations, or be for internal use. Information may originate from individuals or organizations, public or private; these may be Maltese or foreign, and be located in Malta, in other EU States, or further afield.

Such information / documents held by Karin Grech Rehabilitation Hospital appear in:

- Clinical notes;
- Forms;
- Records;
- Files;
- Manuals;
- Studies;
- Policies and Procedures;
- Correspondence;
- Circulars;
- Specifications; and
- Reports.

The guiding principle in collecting, using, and sharing such documents and information shall be our health-care giving mission, the rights of patients, and observance of the Law, including the Freedom of Information Act, legislation providing for professional secrecy and the Data Protection Act.

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