

Universitetssykehuset Nord- Norge HF



Longyearbyen sykehus



OUR STAFF (23)

- 1 department manager («head of the hospital»)
- 1 professional development nurse
- 1 counsellor (deputy manager)
- 4 doctors; 3 General Practitioners + 1 Surgeon
- 6 nurses, 3 specialized in surgery + 3 specialized in anesthesia
- 1 physiotherapist/manualtherapist
- 1 midwife (public health nurse) (0-5 years)
- 2 public health nurses (5 – 20 years /school children)
- 1 dentist + 1 health secretary
- 2 health secretaries (answering the phone, in charge of doctor appointments)
- 2 cleaners

EMERGENCY - PREPAREDNESS

- The hospital is staffed 24/7;
Be aware of our limited resources in the afternoon (16:00 – 08:00), during weekends and holidays

anesthesia nurse
surgery nurse
doctor
(skeletal X-ray)

- SERIOUS INCIDENTS demands that we are in need of «more hands»
- CATASTROPHE (**red alert**)
The alarm also goes off in Tromsø
Dependant on help from the mainland (professional personell + equipment)

In cooperation with AECO and Svalbard Cruise Forum important information regarding health service in Svalbard is available:

Information to cruise operators sailing in Svalbard

IMPORTANT

- When travelling: bring enough necessary medication in the hand luggage in case of delay
- Longyearbyen hospital may not have capacity for an appointment to issue prescriptions
- Needed medication may not be available on the island
- Medication needed may not be sold in Norway and may need to be replaced

- ENSURE ASSISTANCE

The hospital does not have the capacity to undertake any other services than emergency medical care.

- A discharged patient may need to arrange hotel-accomodation while waiting to travel.

- OUTSIDE SCHENGEN AREA – risk of high costs

- Svalbard is outside EEC/Schengen and the European Health Card doesn't cover health care or air ambulance.

- Patients may be requires to pay for health care and ambulance service.

«TAKE-HOME-MESSAGE»

THE HOSPITALS VULNERABILITY

professional help from the mainland
depending on number of injured/type of injuries
– weather condition –

AN EMERGENCY HOSPITAL WITH LIMITED RESOURCES

It is vital that travellers to Svalbard are well informed – for their own safety and the hospitals limited resources.

Thank you all for listening!

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