

Characteristics

The anaesthesia and reanimation service of the accredited Hesperia Hospital is the unit in which professionalism and technology converge to provide care support and assistance to the activities of surgery and intervention and the critical area unit, also providing organisational support to the work of the surgery unit and running the critical area unit.

Anaesthesia

Anaesthesiological activities are carried out in our eight operation rooms (three for heart and vascular surgery, one of which hybrid, five for general surgery, one of which for day surgery). Two hemodynamics rooms and the radiology (CAT and NMR) and endoscopy rooms are also available when needed.

Close attention is given to the pre-op assessment of the patient, once the type of anaesthesia (general/sedation, locoregional/local), the level of monitoring required and any necessary technological devices have been defined, and the course of the treatment during the operation and the intensive care phase have been explained to the patient; special care is taken to offer reassurances regarding *post-op pain management*.

The anaesthesiologists may carry out their examinations in the outpatients' clinic or in the ward, and they will follow the patient in concert with other members of the medical team throughout the first 24 hours after the operation, if the patient is taken directly from the operating theatre to the ward, otherwise they will leave the patient in the hands of their colleagues in the critical area, should admission there become necessary.

For patients undergoing heart surgery, daily meetings are held between the surgeon, anaesthesiologist and support services (laboratory, radiology, perfusion) during which each case is discussed and shared choices are made in terms of treatment and care assistance.

With the growing complexity of cases and the ageing of the population requiring treatment, we have developed a range of anaesthetic and monitoring techniques to provide more sophisticated and advanced surgical interventions for the best results in conditions of the utmost safety.