# Exciting Nursing Careers in Cardiothoracic Surgery

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## WHO ARE WE?

Cardiothoracic Surgery is surgery of the heart (Cardiac) and the chest, including surgery of the lungs, chest wall and mediastinum (Thoracic). We are the <u>only</u> Cardiothoracic Surgery Unit in Northern Ireland. We are based in the Royal Victoria Hospital and this is the only place you will be able to see and treat patients with surgical conditions of the heart and chest.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

We treat patients with lung cancer, coronary artery disease, valvular heart disease, thoracic aortic aneurysms, emphysema, chest trauma amongst other conditions – you will never be bored!

## WHAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE?



#### Ward Nursing

On Ward 5a, the Cardiothoracic ward, you could be looking after patients pre and post major cardiac and thoracic surgery and patients with chest injuries and other conditions.



#### **Theatre Nursing**

You could be part of the theatre teams performing cardiac and thoracic surgery.



### **Critical Care Nursing**

You could be fully trained in all aspects of Intensive Care Nursing and care for patients who have had open heart surgery in both the Cardiac Surgery Intensive Care Unit and the High Dependency Unit.



#### **Specialist Nursing**

Career development opportunities lead to some of our nurses progressing to become specialist nurses, e.g. preassessment nurses, thoracic specialist nurses and surgical care practitioners.



- There are exciting and diverse opportunities for dynamic nurses that want to be part of a dedicated team that delivers care that saves and transforms patients lives.
- You could focus on one of the above areas, or take the opportunity to rotate through the areas to broaden your knowledge and experience in cardiothoracic surgery.

#### CONTACT US

- If you are interested in an exciting and rewarding career, please contact <u>Aileen Cassidy 07710 15062</u> or <u>Maura</u> <u>Quinn 07710 144341</u> to find out more about the varied career opportunities available in Cardiothoracic Surgery.
- Visit our website for more information: <u>http://belfasttrust-cardiacsurgery.hscni.net/</u>