

Media release

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Hospital calls for return of crutches

Wairarapa District Health Board is asking people to look at home for crutches they may have forgotten about. These can be returned, no questions asked, to the hospital's main reception.

Charge Nurse Manager, Kathryn Wadsworth, says stocks are very low.

“We are down to our last few pairs of crutches in ED and we know there are dozens of pairs that are probably no longer needed out there in the community.”

South Wairarapa residents can drop crutches off at their local medical centres.

“We are currently seeing lots of injuries through the department,” says Kathryn. “Fractured ankles in particular.”

“Providing our patients with crutches to go home with is key to their successful recovery and rehabilitation.”

“We really appreciate people returning their crutches promptly when they have finished with them, because there is always a demand.”

Any other hospital equipment, such as splints, bathroom equipment and walking frames, can also be returned.

Ends.

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