

## **LUKEDOC - OUT OF HOURS SERVICE**

**6pm -10 p.m. Monday -Friday**  
**10am - 6pm on Saturday, Sunday & Bank holidays**

An **out of hours co-operative** for the patients of General Practitioners is available. It includes more than 40 General Practitioners in the central South Dublin area. Dr Brendan Clune and Dr Conor Ryan and their colleagues at the Belgrave Clinic are part of this co-operative and use it as a service for giving out of hours medical care to patients.

The co-operative is based at the St Lukes Hospital (Cancer Hospital) site, Oaklands, off Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin 6. The hospital has given over a part of its out patient rooms for this out of hours service.

The service is only operational out of hours. There is no routine GP service based at St Lukes Hospital during the normal working day and the out of hours is for emergencies and concerned patients only.

After normal surgery times, patients who need out of hours medical assistance are asked to ring the on call service at Lukedoc telephone **4065158**. This phone number will also be available on the answering machine on ringing The Belgrave Clinic. The service is only available between 6pm – 10pm Monday – Friday and 10am –6pm Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays.

Patients will be seen by appointment only and are asked not to report directly to the hospital. A dedicated triage nurse will deal with the phone call initially, give advice or make an appointment for the patient to see the General Practitioner on duty.

A report of this advice/consultation is faxed to the Belgrave Clinic the next working day which will be scanned to the patients chart.

If the triage nurse feels that a house call is indicated, the patient will be asked to ring the deputising service called Doctor on Duty at 01 4200880.

If an acute medical assistance is needed **after 10pm on weekdays** and **after 6pm on weekends**, patients are asked to ring the deputising service **Doctor on Duty** at 01 4200880. An arrangement will be made for a Doctor to visit the patient.