

Cardrona Alpine Resort

Medical Services and equipment for:

Normal daily operations



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The Information below provides a brief description of resources and services available by the Cardrona Ski Patrol and Medical team.

Medical Staff:

- Doctor, Nurse, Physiotherapist, Receptionist & Phec/1st responder trained room patroller.

Medical Clinic Equipment:

- Doctor Pack (with airway support) for field use This typically with the event doctor for events that require additional support/coverage.
- Defibrillator, Oxygen, Suction, Entonox, IV fluids and pain management capability, Advanced Life support in medical room

Patrol: Daily:

- Manager/Supervisor and Snow Safety Officer.
- 13- PHEC/1st responder trained Ski Patroller and 2 Slope Safety.

Equipment:

- Toboggans at tops of all Lifts & various other key locations:
- Rig/vac mattress, arm and leg splints, scoop stretcher, AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and additional airway management tools.
- Options for pain relief on snow by patrollers are Methoxyflurane and Entonox.
- 2x Skidoo and patient trailers with BLS-Oxygen, Entonox.

Local and regional support:

- Cardrona is supported by St. John Ambulance services (40 mins from Wanaka) or 60 mins from Queenstown.
- Wanaka Medical clinics (various operational hours)
- Lakes District Hospital - ED service, with Xray and CT capability
- Dunstan Hospital (Clyde)

Base Hospitals:

- Dunedin Public Hospital - Support with Heli-ICU Retrieval Team(50min)
- Christchurch (Burwood Hospital) is the South Island Spinal unit.
- Invercargill hospital (Kew) with orthopaedic support.

Helicopter Support

- Lakes District Air Rescue: Dedicated BK
- Otago helicopters (Adv paramedic or ICU Retrieval team capacity)

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