

# Pietermaritzburg Department of Internal Medicine

Treating Adult Patients with Medical Conditions

## **GASTRO-ENTEROLOGY UNIT** *Criteria for admission to GI Beds*

### **Ward H2**

#### **Admission for work-up and management:**

1. Acute and chronic gastro-intestinal bleeding
2. Acute and chronic liver disease syndromes: jaundice, hepatic insufficiency, portal hypertension, ascites, hepatomegaly, acute and chronic unexplained liver enzymes elevation.
3. Acute and chronic abdominal pain of unexplained etiology
4. Chronic diarrhea of uncertain etiology

#### **Admission for special investigations and procedures:**

1. Esophageal varices – endoscopic treatment
2. Liver biopsy/ laparoscopy
3. High volume tapping of ascites
4. Esophageal strictures dilatation
5. Preparation and surveillance after colonoscopy/polyp resection