

Uniting War Memorial Hospital Geriatric Flying Squad

Service Summary

- The Geriatric Flying Squad provides geriatric assessment for clients in residential aged care homes experiencing an acute decline over the past 24-72 hours which may necessitate transfer to ED if not seen by medical professional in the next 24 hours.
- Clients will be assessed and triaged by the GFS doctor in the facility within 2-8 business hours.
- The aim will be to manage clients within the facility to prevent an avoidable emergency room presentation with GP support. Otherwise, a transfer will be arranged to the Geriatric MAU at the local hospital if indicated.

Who to refer:

- Decline in past 24-72 hrs
- Have contacted GP or GP unable to review

Exclusion Criteria:

- GP declines GFS involvement
- Acute cardiac issues/ Acute trauma
- Fall with suspected fracture or head injury
- Receiving service from another acute geriatric health team for the same issues

The team:

Staff Specialist Geriatrician—Dr Patricia Reyes

Advanced Trainee Geriatrics — Dr Zichan

Clinical Nurse Consultant—Diane Gellatly

Clinical Nurse Specialist—Lynda Elias

Examples of when to refer:

- ⇒ Heart failure—SOB, oedema
- ⇒ Urinary symptoms
- ⇒ Change in behaviours/mental state
- ⇒ Dehydration, decreased oral intake
- ⇒ Constipation
- ⇒ Increased temperature
- ⇒ Concerns regarding changes to a resident
- ⇒ Infections
- ⇒ New falls



Contact:

0408 855 156 or 9369 0320

Monday-Friday 0730hrs-1730hrs