

## Children's Acute Review Service (CARS)

### Department of Paediatrics - The Sutherland Hospital

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The Children's Acute Review Service (CARS) is a service run by Paediatric Staff Specialists, Registrars and Paediatric Nurses. The service is provided for children in the Sutherland Shire who require a specialist paediatric medical consultation in the acute stage of an illness or as a follow-up review in the recovery period. Children may be referred for assessment, treatment, treatment advice, monitoring and education from General Practitioners, Emergency Department, Paediatric Ward, Nursery and Tertiary Hospitals to complement the medical care they provide their paediatric patients.

The service strategy has been revised to align with the goals and purposes of Integration Care project funding – to focus on improving and expanding integrated and coordinated healthcare. The focus and objective is therefore to provide and establish a link between the hospital acute, general practice and community paediatric care settings.

General Practitioners treat many children with a variety of illnesses. If a child requires a specialist paediatric consultation for treatment or a second opinion for non-emergency type patients, CARS is designed to facilitate this process.

It is part of the SESLHD commitment to serving our diverse community in providing access to an acute paediatric service within the public health service.

To speak with our staff or to arrange an appointment for your patient you may call during office hours - Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. At this stage clinics will be running each Monday-Friday from 11:00am to 3:00pm by appointment.

#### The CARS team:

**Dr Alys Swindlehurst** - Director, Department of Paediatrics  
**Dr James Tong** - Staff Specialist Paediatrician  
**Dr Elizabeth Berger** - Staff Specialist Paediatrician  
**Peta Gallagher** - Clinical Nurse Consultant

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**Referrals:** **After calling the Paediatric registrar on 9540-7111 pg 123 or the CNC on 9540-7229** referrals can be faxed on 9540 8485

**Where are we?** CARS is located on the Child & Adolescent Ward Level 3, The Sutherland Hospital

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