

Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery

Outpatient service information, triage and referral guidelines

Description of Service:

The Upper Gastrointestinal (UGI) surgery unit provides specialised assessment and surgical care of patients with problems of the upper gastrointestinal tract.

Services Provided:

- > Gastric Cancer
- > Oesophageal Cancer
- > Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Cancer (TQEH)
- > Hernias
- > Biliary conditions – Cholecystitis/cholelithiasis
- > Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease
- > Dyspepsia
- > Bariatric procedures * [Morbid obesity clinical information Sheet](#)

See referral form below

Exclusions:

- > Paediatrics

For admission or **URGENT** advice contact the Upper Gastrointestinal Registrar/Fellow

Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) Ph: (08) 7074 0000
 The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH) Ph: (08) 8222 6000

Alternatively, if the problem is urgent and the patient is unstable, the patient should be sent directly to the Emergency Department of the nearest hospital for assessment.

For more information or to make a referral contact

Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) Fax: (08) 7074 6247 Ph: 1300 153 853
 The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH) Fax: (08) 8222 7188 Ph: (08) 8222 7030 / (08) 8222 7020

[Centre of obesity Medicine and Surgery \(COMS\) Referral Form](#)

Essential Referral Content:

Demographic

- > Date of birth
- > Contact details (including mobile phone)
- > Referring GP details
- > Interpreter requirements
- > Medicate number

Clinical

- > Reason for referral
- > Duration of symptoms
- > Relevant pathology and imaging reports
- > Past medical history
- > Current medications



Adult Triage Criteria for referral

Emergency Direct to Emergency Department and phone the on call specialist or registrar.	Category 1 Target within 4 weeks <i>Urgent cases must be discussed with the registrar</i>	Category 2 Target within 3 months	Category 3 Target 6-12 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Significant or uncontrolled bleeding > Severe uncontrolled pain > Severe infection (post op) > Trauma > Any condition where delay will lead to permanent organ or system damage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Jaundice > Obstructing lesions in the gastrointestinal tract > Abdominal mass > Diagnosed / suspected cancers UGI or HPB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dysphagia - liver lesions - other suspected malignancies > 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > recurrent pain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - known gallstones with ongoing biliary colic - hernias that have required acute reduction > recurrent cholecystitis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Hernias (inguinal, femoral, umbilical, incisional) > Circumcisions for medical reasons > Investigation of non-specific abdominal pain > Gastro-oesophageal reflux > ingrown toenails

Non-Urgent - Time frame not specified

(Likely do not need to see a specialist unless there are atypical features. It is important to note that the wait for an appointment for these conditions may be lengthy and patients may be wise to seek alternate care via the private sector).

- > Asymptomatic benign lumps
- > Vasectomies

General information to assist with referrals and the referral templates for the RAH & TQEH are available to download from the CALHN Outpatient Services [website](#)

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Phone Number: 1300 153 853

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital: Ground Floor Area 1/ Area 3
Referral Fax Number: (08) 8222 7188
Phone Number: (08) 8222 7020 / (08) 8222 7030

Web: www.sahealth.gov.au

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