

Multi-disciplinary Community Geriatric Service (MCGS)

MCGS is a MultiD team consisting of

- > Nurses
- > Social workers
- > Occupational Therapist
- > Physiotherapist
- > Pharmacist
- > Geriatricians and a Registrar.

Referrals we deem urgent will be reviewed within 2 business days. Those that are less urgent but need a holistic multidisciplinary geriatric assessment (including cognitive investigation and linking to support services via RAS/ ACAT/SACAT) will be waitlisted by priority.

Clients accepted to our service are generally complex and have a combination of the following scenarios

These clients are considered most at risk in the community with no other support services or expertise to manage the situation:

- > No formal cognitive diagnosis
- > Limited or no informal support
- > No formal services
- > Resistant to support services
- > Live alone
- > Complex social situation
- > Suspicion of elder abuse
- > Risk to self or others
- > BPSD
- > Frequent presenter to the hospital system
- > Failure to attend OPD
- > No EPOA or ACD
- > Falls or reduced mobility
- > Insecure accommodation

Clients who are not considered for our service include:

- > have, or can access, existing formal or informal supports
- > have a formal diagnosis concerning cognition
- > can, or do attend OPD appointments

If another service in the community can meet the needs of these clients, they do not need to be assessed by MCGS. However, MCGS may advise and redirect referrers at times using knowledge of the community healthcare systems.

How to refer

To discuss a referral please contact the MCGS Duty Officer on Tel: (08) 8222 1429.

A referral form will be sent on to you, please complete and either

- > Email to Health:CALHNMCGS@sa.gov.au OR
- > Fax to: (08) 8222 1480.

Business Hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

For more information

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