



# CALHN Memory Service

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## Target Population

### Referral Criteria includes patients with:

1. Progressive decline in cognition due to suspected neurodegenerative disorder rather than physical or psychiatric illness over a period of at least 6 months or more
2. Dementia where confirmation of the sub-type and/or specialist input is required
3. Consideration of standard dementia therapy
4. Consideration of referral to the CALHN Memory Trials Centre
5. Down syndrome and recent cognitive decline over a period of 6 months or more
6. Prodromal symptoms of memory impairment and/or mild cognitive impairment
7. Rapidly declining cognitive function requiring specialist input
8. Genetically confirmed or strong family history of early-onset dementia (i.e. < 65 years old) requesting specialist assessment

### Conditions which are NOT assessed within the CALHN Memory Service include:

1. The following should be referred to either the TQEH or RAH Geriatric Medicine department for triage and action:
  - a) Patients with presenting symptoms in keeping with a recently resolving delirium;
  - b) Patients who are frail and older with complex medical comorbidities
  - c) Patients who reside in high level residential aged care facilities
2. Testamentary capacity – consider referral to a Private Neuropsychology Services
3. Patients with presenting symptoms in keeping with a primary psychiatric state should be referred to Older Persons Mental Health Service or Adult Mental Health Service.
4. Patients requiring only assessment of driving capability:
  - a) Refer to a private Occupational Therapist (OT)
  - b) Central Adelaide Rehabilitation Service (CARS) has limited capacity, recommend consultation with the service
  - c) SALHN Driving Fitness Assessment Clinic at Flinders Medical Centre accepts state-wide referrals
  - d) NALHN Driving Assessment clinic (DARC) includes OT, via Day Rehabilitation Service
5. Patients with traumatic brain injury – referral to Brain Injury Rehabilitation services may be appropriate.
6. Patient seeking neuropsychological assessment *only* – referral to CALHN Neuropsychology or Private Neuropsychology Services.