

The Community Geriatric Service

- Provides geriatrician consultation, short term case management and support to older people residing in the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network catchment area.
- Supports older people with complex care needs who are residing in the community and aims to minimise unnecessary admissions to hospital or residential care.
- Consists of a geriatrician, social worker, registered nurse and occupational therapist. They can provide in-home assessments of the client's medical, social, physical and cognitive needs.
- Provides services and assessment for people unwilling to attend clinic or the situation is urgent

Services include

- People >65 years with complex care needs who may require input from a geriatrician
- People <65 years with age related illness (e.g early onset dementia)
- People who have had a deterioration in their level of functioning due to age related health issues (e.g cognitive decline or frailty)
- People who are having difficulty managing independently in the community
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be considered from age of 45 years

Information Required

- Name and address of person referring (medical referral NOT required)
- Next of kin's name and contact details
- GP name and contact details
- Comorbidities
- Medication
- Presence or absence of Advanced Care Directives
- Specific issues of concern







Investigations Required

- Any other relevant investigations (eg CT head) or previous assessments including previous cognitive assessment scores

Fax Referrals to

Community Geriatric Service reception Fax: (08) 8204 4627

Red Flags

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Rapid review for people with significant safety concerns (wandering, leaving stove on)  Person living alone  Situation crisis | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Rapid Cognitive decline  No family or social supports  Imminent risk of hospitalisation |
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Suggested GP Management

- Continue regular consultation with patient
- Phone Community Geriatric Service on (08) 8204 7640

Clinical Resources

- Dementia Australia Dementia Hotline: 1800 100 500 or <https://www.dementia.org.au/>
- Dementia Support Australia: 1800 699 799 <https://www.dementia.com.au>
- My Aged Care – 1800 200 422 <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/>

General Information to assist with referrals and the and Referral templates for SALHN are available to download from the SALHN Outpatient Services website www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients

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2.0	December 2017	December 2019	Update to contact details and suggested GP management