

SERVICE DESCRIPTION & TRIAGE GUIDELINES

ORTHOPAEDIC FOOT AND ANKLE

Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN)

Description of Service

This document provides an overview of SALHN Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Services. Click on the following links for referral and management guidelines for specific conditions. All required information and investigations in these links need to be provided on the referral to enable appropriate triaging. Referrals that do not include the required information will be returned to the referring doctor.

Services provided

- [Plantar Fasciitis](#)
- [Flat Feet](#)
- [Neuropathic Joints](#) (Charcot Joints)
- [Hallux Valgus](#)
- [Ankle & Hindfoot Arthritis](#)
- [Claw Toe / Hammer Toe](#)
- [Hallux Rigidus](#)
- [Metatarsalgia](#)

Services not provided

- Patients under 16 years

**For URGENT advice, contact the on call Orthopaedic Registrar via switchboard
Repatriation General Hospital Ph: (08) 8276 9666**

Triage Criteria for Referral

Category 1 Target < 2 weeks Current < 6 weeks	Category 2 Target 2-6 weeks Current < 6 months	Category 3 Target < 3 months Current < 2 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charcot Joints with Ulceration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charcot Joints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plantar Fasciitis • Pes Planus • Hallux Valgus • Hallux Rigidus • Ankle/Hindfoot Arthritis • Metatarsalgia

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

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