

Priority Care Centres

Information for General Practitioners

What are the Priority Care Centres?

SA Health, in partnership with Local Health Networks, Primary Health Networks and General Practice have established five PCCs across metropolitan Adelaide and one peri-urban site. Locations include:

- 📍 Elizabeth
- 📍 Marion
- 📍 Mount Barker
- 📍 Hindmarsh
- 📍 Para Hills West

PCCs provide community-based healthcare and treatment for patients with urgent, non-life-threatening conditions, who would otherwise seek treatment at a public hospital ED.

Services Provided

PCCs are led by general practitioners (GP) with support from emergency and acute care SA Health nurses at each metro site and experienced practice nurses at Mount Barker PCC. Each PCC has onsite or nearby auxiliary services (pathology, radiology, pharmacy).

After treatment at a PCC, patients are discharged for follow up care with their usual GP. PCCs do not provide ongoing treatment unless there are restrictions to accessing this follow up care from their usual GP and/or the potential that the patient will attend an ED.

GPs and their patients will receive a discharge summary, outlining; treatment, investigations and results and any follow up required. Details will be entered on My Health Record where this is available. Test results are accessible via usual portals.

PCCs assess and treat a range of conditions including (but not limited to):

- > Infections (e.g., cellulitis, pyelonephritis, UTI etc.) requiring IV antibiotics
- > Simple sprains or fractures requiring x-ray / CT and back-slab, splinting or cam boot application
- > Minor wounds, cuts, abrasions, lacerations, including suturing
- > Incision and drainage of abscesses
- > Ear and nose foreign body, eye conditions requiring a slit lamp facility
- > Rehydration
- > Mild first trimester bleeding



For more information

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