



GENERAL SURGERY

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'GP Hotline': Surgical Registrar, Page through Switchboard 9431 3333
Head of Department: Professor David Fletcher
Consultants: As below

SERVICES

Four General Surgical Units with Consultants, Registrars and Interns:

- Unit A: Colorectal Surgery, Colonoscopy and General Surgery: Mr Gregory Makin, Mr Nigel Barwood, Ms M Wallace
Unit B: General Surgery: Mr R Bond, Mr D Cooke, , Mr M Jayasundera, Mr R Graf, Mr Alan Thomas
Unit C: Upper GI and General Surgery, Gastroscopy, Colonoscopy & ERCP: Mr Harsha Chandraratna, Mr H Ahmad, Mr Graeme Cullingford
Unit D: Endocrine, Paediatrics, upper GI, Gastroscopy & ERCP and General Surgery: Mr C Epari, Professor David Fletcher, Mr Dean Lisewski, Mr Andrew Barker (Paediatrics)

Emergency Admissions: Emergency patients are admitted via ED. Urgent admissions are arranged directly with the Registrar and are admitted directly to a pre-arranged bed. The patient will be stabilised in the Emergency Department if there is an immediate problem.

Elective Admissions: Usually arranged via Outpatient Clinics after GP referral. Patients are admitted either through the Day Unit or the Day of Surgery Admission Unit, meaning pre-admission with anaesthetic and allied health work-up as a pre-requisite. General Practice involvement in this process is being developed with the resurrection of CPAC (see link below). The discharge plan is prepared at that time. All patients will be given 48 hours notice of predicted discharge day and at the time of discharge, will have a completed hand written summary, which accompanies the patient and this is also posted to the General Practitioner. A typed summary generated from the unique hospital audit soon follows.

Ambulatory Surgery Initiative (ASI): FHHS currently offers Gastroenterology and Urology procedures at Kaleeya Hospital under the ASI (refer <http://www.gp.health.wa.gov.au/asi/home/>). Procedures done under the ASI are bulk billed, and incur no out-of-pocket expenses for the patient. Those patients, who are ready for surgery, can now be offered the option of having their procedure done at an earlier date, at one of the participating hospitals by being directly referred by their GP to a participating clinician. Patients must be willing to elect to be a private outpatient.

The ASI is for low-risk patients. This means that patients must:

- be under 75 years of age,
- not have significant co-morbidities, and
- be under 120 kg (for suitability of equipment at general hospital day facilities).

Referral to a named Consultant is required. Refer to the link above for the specific Consultants performing procedures at Kaleeya/Fremantle Hospital.

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REFERRAL

Urgent: Priority '0', requires review in first available clinic.

Please phone the Registrar via switchboard on 9431 3333.

Please fax the referral, clearly marked "urgent" with any attached reports to Fax 9431 2009, ensuring that a fax header clearly identifies patient name, clinic referred to, appointment date and total number of pages.

The registrar may request a referral be faxed directly to clinic if patient attending within 48hrs. Please also send the original by post marked with "Faxed" including date that it was Faxed.

Routine General Referral: Priority 1-3 (ie within 30-365 days) must be sent via mail addressed to:

Outpatient Central Receiving Office B10 Fremantle Hospital and Health Service PO Box 480 Fremantle WA 6959

[Teaching Hospital Outpatient Referral Form](#) preferred;
to order a hard copy referral pad: Fax request to Fax 9431 2009

ADDITIONAL REFERRAL INFORMATION

General Surgery *Clinical Priority Access Criteria (CPAC) Summary / Referral Recommendations for First Specialist Appointment:* <http://www.gp.health.wa.gov.au/CPAC/speciality/index.cfm>

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