

## Hospital in the Home (HITH)

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### Services


A high quality alternative to hospitalisation which relocates hospital services to the patient's own environment.

- Registered patients from Fremantle Hospital may choose this alternative treatment option if they meet the [selection criteria](#) and require treatment that can be managed in their place of residence.
- Patients admitted to the HITH service remain inpatients of the Hospital under the care of a medical/surgical team
- The acute care is coordinated and delivered by senior Registered Nurses from Fremantle Hospital who have appropriate education, training and skills to undertake complex patient care.
- Care may include achieving intravenous access, administering intravenous antibiotics, acute wound management, pre and post procedure anticoagulation, observation and education.
- The Infectious Diseases unit assists with advice and monitoring for long term parenteral antibiotic therapy and routine drug assays.
- The service facilitates timely discharge.

### Service for patients requiring anticoagulation pre or post surgery, or for the treatment of DVT or PE:

- GPs can not directly refer to this service.
- Your patients may however be assessed while a patient in hospital or after presenting to the Emergency Department and subsequently be referred to this service. The admitting consultant maintains responsibility for the patient until blood levels are therapeutic. The relevant GP will be advised when the patient is transferred to the HITH service and will receive a Medical discharge summary at the completion of the treatment. The GP may be involved in the care of the patient during this time for matters not related to the reason for admission. The GP reassumes responsibility when the patient is formally discharged from HITH and will receive a HITH summary including INR results, medications given and a future treatment guide, as well as the Medical summary.

### The HITH service can provide acute care to patients residing in Hostels and Nursing Homes.

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