

Medical Oncology

The Medical Oncology Outpatients offers services for people with cancer. Referral to the Medical Oncology unit is appropriate where a confirmed malignancy has evidence of metastasis.

The clinic brings together medical oncologists, specialist nurses, palliative care specialist and the Flinders Medical Centre (FMC) Cancer Care Coordinator. Services are provided at FMC, Repatriation General Hospital and South Coast Hospital.

GP referral guidelines are provided for

- [Breast Cancer](#)
- [Prostate Cancer](#)
- [Upper GI Cancer](#) (oesophageal/gastric)
- [Carcinoma of unknown primary](#)
- [Colon Cancer](#)
- [Lung Cancer](#)

Services provided

- Assessment of patient with advanced cancer
- Discussion of treatment options for patients with cancer
- Chemotherapy for cancer
- Immunotherapy and molecular targeted therapy for cancer
- Clinical Trials
- Supportive Care

Services not provided

- Colposcopy
- Cancer screening
- Bronchoscopy
- Radiotherapy and radiotherapy related side effects (*refer to radiation oncology*)
- For a suspected or newly diagnosed malignancy confirmed to a specific system that may require surgery consider referral to appropriate services
 - Rapid Lung Clinic (Suspected lung cancer)
 - Breast and Endocrine Surgical Clinic (Breast Lumps)
 - Colorectal / Upper GI Surgical Clinic (Gastro Intestinal Tract (GIT) Cancers)
 - ENT Clinic (Head and Neck masses)
 - Oncology Clinic (Gynaecological)
 - Urology Clinic (Kidney masses)
 - Neurology Clinic (Isolated Brain Lesions)

For admission or urgent advice contact Oncology Registrar on (08) 8204 7798

Triage Criteria for Referral

Category 1 Target < 2 weeks Current < 2 weeks	Category 2 Target < 4 weeks Current 3 – 5 weeks	Category 3 Target < 3 months Current < 3 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small cell cancer • Significant symptoms related to cancer • Significant organ dysfunction related to advanced cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjuvant therapies (after removal of cancer) • Advanced cancer without organ dysfunction or symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second opinion

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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