Geriatric Medicine Service

The specialist geriatric medicine service provides:

- Comprehensive geriatric assessment in a range of settings including aged care facilities and at home
- Assessment of memory loss and possible dementia
- We assess frailty and any of its potentially reversible components
- We can provide a falls and injury prevention assessment and link to possible exercise interventions
- We have close working relationships with Alzheimer’s Australia
- Patients and families can access information about available community supports via www.myagedcare.gov.au or 1800 200 422

Services provided

- Memory Assessment
- Behavioural and Psychological symptoms in Dementia
- Parkinson’s Disease
- Falls assessment
- Syncope Tilt Table
- Frailty, Polypharmacy and general geriatric assessment
- Community geriatrics services
- Nursing Home visits

Services not provided

- Long term case management
- Assessment / management of psychiatric issues
- After hours service
- Diagnosis of movement disorders

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

For Appointments contact the 4th Generation Rehabilitation clinics on Repatriation General Hospital (RGH) Ph: (08) 8275 1103 Fax: 08 8275 1130

Triage Criteria for Referral

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- Rapid progression of cognitive impairment over weeks
- Wandering
- Severe behavioural disturbance
- Suspected neglect or abuse
- Rapid increase in functional impairment over weeks.
- Situational Crisis
- Risk of hospitalisation
- No family support

- Cognitive impairment with associated functional impairment.
- Parkinson’s disease with functional impairment.
- Follow up post hospital admit
- Cognitive decline for investigation, no risk of hospitalisation

- Cognitive impairment without functional impairment
- Parkinson’s disease without functional impairment

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