# Liver Clinic

### Outpatient service information, triage and referral guidelines

#### **Description of Service:**

The Liver Clinic provides specialised assessment and treatment of patients with problems of the liver.

#### **Services Provided:**

- > Treatment and management of liver conditions
- > Nurse led clinics
  - Fibroscan
  - Hepatitis C

#### **Exclusions:**

- > Paediatrics
- > Patients receiving care for the same condition at another LHN.

## For admission or *URGENT* advice contact the Gastroenterology Registrar / Hepatology Nurse Consultant:

Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH)Ph: (08) 7074 0000The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH)Ph: (08) 8222 6000

Alternatively, if the problem is urgent and the patient is unstable, the patient should be sent directly to the Emergency Department of the nearest hospital for assessment.

#### For more information or to make a referral contact

Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH)

Fax: (08) 7074 6247 Fax: (08) 8222 7188

Ph: 1300 153 853 Ph: (08) 8222 7030 / (08) 8222 7020

#### **Essential Referral Content:**

#### Demographic

- > Date of birth
- > Contact details (including mobile phone)
- > Referring GP details
- > Interpreter requirements
- > Medicate number

#### Clinical

- > Reason for referral
- > Duration of symptoms
- > Relevant pathology and imaging reports
  - CBE, MBA20, INR, HCV RNA
  - Liver imaging
- > Past medical history
- > Current medications



Adult Triage Criteria for referral						
<b>Emergency</b> Direct to Emergency Department and phone the on call specialist or registrar.	<b>Category 1</b> Target within 4 weeks	Category 2 Target within 3 months				
<ul> <li>&gt; Ascites</li> <li>&gt; Encephalopathy</li> <li>&gt; Variceal Bleed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>&gt; Suspicion of liver carcinoma</li> <li>&gt; Hepatitis B</li> <li>&gt; Hepatitis C (nurse-led clinic)</li> <li>&gt; Suspicion of decompensated cirrhosis</li> <li>&gt; Suspicion of auto immune liver disorder</li> <li>&gt; fibroscan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Suspicion of compensated cirrhosis</li> <li>Chronic liver condition:         <ul> <li>Alcoholic liver disease,</li> <li>Non-alcoholic liver disease</li> <li>haemochromatosis</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				

General information to assist with referrals and the referral templates for the RAH & TQEH are available to download from the CALHN Outpatient Services website

#### For more information or to make a referral

Royal Adelaide Hospital: Level 3F, Wing 4 Referral Fax Number: (08) 7074 6247 Phone Number: 1300 153 853

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital: Ground Floor, Area 1 Referral Fax Number: (08) 8222 7188 Phone Number: (08) 8222 7020

Web: www.sahealth.gov.au

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