



Geriatric Assessment Team (GAT)

GAT aims to facilitate early supported discharge for frail older patients in the SCGH Emergency Department back to their own home, in the community or in a residential aged care facility (RACF), including TCP.

GAT also assists frail older patients requiring admission into hospital by getting them to the right place, at the right time; by arranging direct admissions to GARM beds at SCGH or direct transfer to Osborne Park Hospital from the ED.

Emergency Medicine will retain governance of the patients assessed by GAT while still in the ED.

Criteria for GAT review

- Age 65+
- Presenting with Geriatric Syndromes:
- Falls, deconditioning, frailty, cognitive impairment, incontinence, polypharmacy, malnutrition.
- Complex co – morbidities and recurrent presentations requiring assistance with goals of care discussions, future care planning or social support
- We are always happy to discuss cases so please call if you are unsure.
- We are happy to see patients from residential care, including TCP
- Initial assessment and investigations to be done by the ED team
- The patient is not requiring admission under another speciality

Referrals

Daily handover between ED obs ward team, GAT and CCT at 8.30 am in the obs ward.

Outside of this handover please contact the **GAT Consultant on DECT x76560**,

8.30 am- 4 pm, 7 days a week.

Please log GAT request on EDIS.

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