

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

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

Category 1 Target < 1 month Current < 2 month	Category 2 Target < 3 months Current < 3 months	Category 3 Target < 6 months Current < 6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive impairment without functional impairment • Parkinson’s disease without functional impairment

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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