

Hepatobiliary Surgical Unit

Outpatient service information, triage and referral guidelines

Description of Service:

The Hepatobiliary surgical unit is based at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and provides services related to the Hepato-pancreatic-biliary system that requires surgical care / opinion.

Services Provided:

- > **Surgery for:**
 - Biliary obstruction
 - Liver, pancreas and biliary tract tumours
 - Gallstone disease
 - Hernia surgery

Exclusions:

- > Upper GI endoscopy
- > Paediatrics

For admission or **URGENT** advice contact the Hepatobiliary Surgical Unit Registrar:

Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) Ph: (08) 7074 0000

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) Fax: (08) 7074 6247 Ph: 1300 153 853

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
- > Past medical history
- > Current medications



Adult Triage Criteria for referral		
Emergency Direct to Emergency Department and phone the on call specialist or registrar.	Category 1 Target within 4 weeks <i>Urgent cases must be discussed with the registrar</i>	Category 2 Target within 3 months <i>See SA Health Median and Maximum Outpatient Waiting Time</i> Expected long wait
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > GI Bleed > Unexplained fever with abdominal pain > Obstructive Jaundice > Severe shortness of breath with increased abdominal distention > Acute pancreatitis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Biliary obstruction > Diagnosed or suspected liver, pancreas, biliary or duodenal malignancy > Known gallstones with ongoing biliary colic > Gall-bladder mass or polyp > 10mm > Asymptomatic common bile duct stones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Asymptomatic gallstones > Recurrent cholecystitis > Chronic pancreatitis > Gall-bladder polyps > Non-suspicious pancreatic cystic lesions > Biliary dilation without stone or mass

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

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