

Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM) Unit

Purpose

To provide a service for those older adults who have complex and multiple medical, functional and often cognitive conditions and thus require interdisciplinary assessment and management with specialised geriatric expertise.

Objectives

The GEM Unit will deliver care based upon the values of Age Friendly Principles, Evidence Based Practice and Consumer Participation.

Care is delivered within a holistic, comprehensive and interdisciplinary framework, where consensus decision-making includes the input of the treating team, the patient and their support network.

The unit upholds the rights of older adults with functional impairment to achieve maximum restoration of their functional capacity, while participating as able in the care planning, decision making, discharge process, and having the option of family/carer involvement in care planning.

Criteria

Admission criteria (need to satisfy at least 2 criteria)

- Older Adults ≥ 65 y or ≥ 55 y if Aboriginal and/or Torres Islander Origin.
- In subacute phase of care within the scope of SNAP code GEM.
- Experiencing geriatric syndrome affecting independent functioning and safety.
- Assessment for failure of independent living due to decline in cognition, function, mobility or behavioural change from dementia.
- Readmission from recently discharged clients from the services, home discharge, GEMITH and Interim Care, if the readmission is not due to any specialised acute medical cares.
- Recurrent falls with no major injury or acute medical issues.

Exclusion criteria

- Patients requiring treatment and management under sub-specialty units, unless agreed for shared care.
- Acutely unwell clinically or hemodynamically unstable.
- Require care in the High Dependency Unit, Intensive Care Unit or Palliative Care Unit.
- Primary mental health diagnosis and those awaiting transfer to suitable mental health facility.
- Attending Code Blacks.



Access the service

Use the [Aged Care Form](#) or scan the QR code below.



Location: GCUH: Ground level, H Block

Hours: Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm

Contact: GEM Registrar on 5687 8814