

ACUTE CARE OF THE ELDERLEY

B1 Robina Hospital

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The Acute Care of the Elderley (ACE) Unit provides comprehensive geriatric assessment of internal medical patients and neck of femur patients older than 65 years, presenting to the Robina Emergency department by the Geriatrician team.

The model aims to limit unnecessary investigations and circumventing multiple internal referrals to inpatient medical teams by providing early identification of the acute aged and frail patient that requires ongoing or inpatient geriatric assessment. Early discharge is facilitated for suitable patients and rapid referral to appropriate specialists occurs where inpatient subspecialty internal medical care is additionally required. 28 beds total, with 10 beds Geri Ortho and 18 ACE

Learning Opportunities

- Acute geriatric assessments
- Management of acutely unwell aged and frail patients with complex medical needs
- Multidisciplinary collaboration
- EpiQ core model: diabetes, respiratory disorder, heart failure and wound care
- Management of challenging behaviours
- Links with external providers to promote best outcomes and alternative pathways for patients
- Surgical care, patient controlled analgesia
- Drain tubes
- Surgical wound care
- Blood infusions i.e Fe and Mg



Professional Opportunities

- Ongoing professional development and learning
- Professional educational map supporting succession planning pathways
- Preceptorship
- Participation in NSQHS portfolio within the unit
- Participation in Magnet® program
- Supporting participation in the Nursing and Midwifery Professional Recognition Program (NMPP)
- Research opportunities in partnership with Griffith University
- Participation in focus groups relating to model of care

Educational Resources

- Clinical nurse educator
- Clinical facilitator and preceptor in the environment
- Orientation program specific to the unit
- Planned education focus aligned with service
- Allied health input into the ongoing education of staff
- Shared education resources and information
- Supported participation in workshops and seminars

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