

Diabetes Care-management & Assessment Service (DCAS) Referral

Diabetes Care- management and Assessment Service (DCAS) is held at Health and Rehabilitation Centre (HRC) at Repatriation campus Thursday and Fridays.

Thursday: Education and Diabetes Management Clinic. Friday: Endocrinologist Clinic

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Urgent: Referrals should be categorised as urgent if the patient has a condition that has the potential to deteriorate quickly, with significant consequences for health and quality of life, if not managed promptly. These patients should be seen **within 30 days** of referral receipt. For emergency cases please send the patient to the Emergency department.

Semi Urgent: Referrals should be categories as Semi Urgent that has the potential to deteriorate within 30-90 days.

Exclusions:

INSULIN PUMPS: - Refer to Endo Diabetes OP

NEWLY DIAGNOSED / UNCOMPLICATED Type 2: To be managed by GP. Please refer to RACGP General Practice Management of Type 2 Diabetes. https://www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/guidelines/diabetes/ (CHC/ diabetes educator / podiatrist / dietician/ dental/ optometry / psychology etc.)

At our discretion patients with multiple co –morbidities might be triaged to: Older Persons Complex Care (OPCC): General Medicine or Health Independence Program (HIP) Geriatrician

Condition / Symptom	GP Management	Investigations Required Prior to Referral	Expected Triage Outcome	Expected Specialist Intervention Outcome	Expected number of Specialist Appointments
Type 1,Type 2 Diabetes with complication. AND People with chronic and complex care needs, physical and psychosocial, and frequently using hospital services	When to Refer: If previous medication management has not achieved good results Optimise medications, refer to https://www.racqp.orq.au/your- practice/quidelines/diabetes/8- managing-glycaemia/82- Frequent ED presentations for any reason Benefit from Case Management	Referral MUST HAVE the following for triage to proceed Medical history and examination Medication list Imaging: N/A Diagnostics Pathology (less than 3 months old OR name of pathology provider so we can access pathology tests) Fasting glucose,	Urgent: Within 2 weeks. Patient may see diabetes educator initially for assessment who will initiate treatment plan. Semi Urgent: Within 6 weeks. Patient may see diabetes educator initially for	The referral is valid for one year. We aim to discharge back to GP for ongoing management. And Care Plan management with CHS diabetes educator, (or GP practice diabetes educator)	Endocrinologist - 3-4 appointments over 12 months (or shorter duration if indicated) Additional appointments with diabetes educator, dietician, other allied health as indicated.



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People at risk of, unplanned, avoidable hospital admission for any reason, not only diabetes related.	GP TRIAGE TOOL Appendix 1 Below.	Fasting TC, Tg, HDL, LDL, U&E, LFT, HbA1c. Spot Urine /ACR, MSU Please instruct patient to bring the following to appointment • blood test results • blood glucose meter all medications	assessment and initiate treatment plan	If DCAS attendance is still clinically indicated after 12 months a new referral will be required from GP			



NORTH EAST ADULT DIABETES TRIAGE TOOL



	TRIAGE ELIGIBILITY	STREAM OF CARE	AVAILABLE SERVICES	
Client's presentations include ONE OR MORE of the following	 ■ Pre-diabetes ■ e GFR >60(mL/min/ 1.73m2) ■ Newly diagnosed T2DM irrespective of HbA1c or BGLs ■ Sub-optimal diabetes management 	STANDARD Care Pathway Type 2 DM	Community Health Banyule CH F: 9450 260 F: 9450 260 Darebin CH T: 8470 111 F: 8470 110 Nillumbik Health F: 9430 910 F: 9431 033	
	 HbA1c > 69mmol/mol (> 8.5%) Newly diagnosed T2DM; unstable BGL for 3 months Recent Hypoglycaemic episode (on medication) T2DM requiring insulin initiation or titration On corticosteroids (prednisolone or dexamethasone) regardless of HbA1c e GFR <60 (mL/min/ 1.73m2) Active foot pathology with a history of complications (e.g. History of digit/limb amputation or foot ulcer) Severely elevated Triglycerides (>11.2mmol/L) eGFR <60 and BP >140/80 requires Endocrine referral as early intervention is critical to prevent renal complications 	INTERMEDIATE Care Pathway Type 1 Diabetes LADA & Type 2 Diabetes	Community Health Banyule CH F: 9450 200 F: 9450 260 Darebin CH F: 8470 11: F: 8470 11: Nillumbik Health T: 9430 910 F: 9431 03: Austin Health (HIP- Central Intake) T: 9496 22: Diabetes Complications & Assessment Service	
	 Recurrent hypoglycemia (requiring assisted management) - BGL <4 mmol >2 per week - for outpatient appointment with a RN CDE/DE within a week from receipt of referral Active foot ulcer or wound - for outpatient appointment within 1 week from receipt of referral Recent Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) - must be followed up by RN CDE /DE or DNP within 48 hours of discharge and Endo outpatient appointment made as per discharge summary/referral. Hyperosmolar Hyperglycemic State (HHS) - must be followed up by RN CDE /DE or DNP within 48 hours of discharge and Endo outpatient appointment made as per discharge summary/referral. Type 1 and Latent Auto-immune Diabetes in Adults (LADA) for insulin commencement stabilisation - must be followed up by RN CDE/DE or DNP within 48 hours of discharge and Endo outpatient appointment made as per discharge summary/referral 	URGENT Care Pathway Brief intervention Stabilisation & transfer	Austin Health Priority appointment at Austin Healt Endocrinology Clinic (MBS) T: 9496 5000 ask for the DM Ed or DM Reg on-ca F: 9496 3234	