



North Metropolitan Area Health Service

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Dear Colleague,

IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC OUT- PATIENT PAEDIATRIC SERVICE, SWAN KALAMUNDA HEALTH SERVICE

On behalf of Swan Kalamunda Health Service, it gives me a great pleasure to announce the commencement of a regular public paediatric out patient service from the **21st of June 2010**.

Currently, this service will not be able to accept complex developmental and behavioural problem cases like ADHD, ASD and ODD or syndromic presentations who are already in the care of a developmental paediatrician.

The expanded outpatient service will be provided by our team of staff Specialist Paediatricians, Dr Habib Bhurawala FRACP, Dr. Arvind Sharma, FRACP, Dr Petra Hartmann FRACP and Dr Girish Desphande FRACP. They will offer specialist general paediatric consultations and if necessary, further referrals to tertiary care centres and sub-specialists. This service will be open for referrals from all General Practitioners practicing in Midland and Wheatbelt geographic regions and obviously also from other areas, if required.

For your information, two paediatric inpatients follow-up clinics have already been operational at Swan Districts Hospital since July 2009. Current expansion of this service will, for the first time, add general practice referrals. The clinic will run from Monday to Thursday during the afternoon from 1330 hrs to 1600 hrs at Swan District Hospital, Therapies Block.

(A) Scope of this paediatric service include

1. General Paediatric cases for consultation
2. Advice on accident prevention, immunization, growth and development
- 3 .Referrals from and to an appropriate tertiary care centres

(B) Exclusions from the referrals are

1. Complex behavioural Problems
2. Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
3. Autistic spectrum disorders
4. Syndromic cases in care of a developmental paediatrician

I also wish to add that children seen at this clinic will be offered further referrals, if necessary, to Swan Districts Hospital as an inpatient public patient and to tertiary care centres in Perth/Australia for all the sub-specialities. They will be offered all major and minor procedures and follow-up advice.

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Please refer your patients to the Paediatric OPD Clinic, Therapies Block fax 9347 5424 or via mail to The Paediatric Outpatient Service, Therapies Block, PO Box 195, Midland 6936 utilising the attached referral form, if possible. The form is in Word format and user friendly.

As requested by the Midland and Kalamunda GP practices, the referral form has been designed in Microsoft Word Format so that it can be incorporated into your practice software and self-populate with your patient details. In future, if we are successful in developing a secure electronic messaging system, we will then incorporate this into an electronic referral system and email could be a possibility with proper encryption to send your referrals.

All referrals received will be given priority after discussion with the paediatrician conducting the clinic and our **Clinic Secretary** will contact the family to confirm an appointment date and time and provide a map of the clinic area.

As we improve consultant capability in this discipline, the clinics will expand in number and commence accepting current exclusions (list B above) from the referrals. You will be advised when this occurs. At some stage we will also introduce a **privately Referred Non-Inpatient (PRNI) initiative for this clinic.**

We look forward to working with you in providing additional services to your public patients in this much needed discipline in the Midlands and Wheat belt regions.

Yours sincerely

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