

Trauma/General Surgery

Outpatient service information, triage and referral guidelines

Description of Service:

The Trauma/general surgery & surgical oncology unit provides specialised assessment and care of patients with the following conditions:

Services Provided:

- > Hernias – Umbilical, inguinal & incisional, laparoscopic and open
- > Melanoma
- > Sarcoma and soft tissue tumours
- > Post Trauma
- > General Surgery
- > Gall Bladder Surgery for biliary colic and cholecystitis

Exclusions:

- > Paediatrics
- > Patients receiving care for the same condition at another LHN.

For admission or **URGENT** advice contact the Acute Surgical registrar on:

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	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
<p>All urgent cases must be discussed with the on call ASU registrar.</p>	<p>Target within 4 weeks</p>	<p>Target within 3 months</p>	<p>Target 6-12 months</p> <p><i>See SA Health Median and Maximum Outpatient Waiting Time</i></p> <p>Expected long wait</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Acute pancreatitis > Acute severe biliary pain > Cholangitis > Frequent vomiting > Hematemesis > Major rectal bleeding > Melena > Obstructed or painful hernia > Obstructive jaundice > Severe abdominal pain > Strangulated hernia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Suspected or confirmed cancer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Symptomatic hernias > Recurrent cholecystitis or biliary colic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Benign minor lesions for excision > Hernias

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