

ENQUIRIES AND REFERRALS

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HARP Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Service

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Hospital Admission Risk Program
(HARP)

Specialised Chronic Disease Stream

COPD Service

ABOUT THE SERVICE:

The COPD service has an inpatient COPD Nurse Specialist and COPD Outreach Nurse. The service acts as a link between hospital and community settings. We focus on the needs of clients with chronic respiratory conditions such as COPD and bronchiectasis.

Aims:

- Reduce in-patient length of stay
- Prevent avoidable hospital admissions
- Provide a point of contact for unwell clients or concerned family/carers
- Facilitate clients in developing a relationship with their GP
- Provide discharge support and education
- To offer flexible, individual care plans including access to brokerage services according to patient needs

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Follow-up for new COPD diagnosis
- Ongoing self management, education and support in the community
- Access to HARP interdisciplinary team and to brokerage services
- GP liaison including home assessment by HARP Outreach Dietician and Pharmacy
- Home based management of anxiety with access to HARP Clinical Psychology services
- Access to HARP Mobile Assessment and Treatment Services on 1800 007 656
- Link clients into long term community services for on-going support

REFERRAL CRITERIA:

- Confirmed diagnosis of COPD
- Frequent hospital admissions and/or at risk of hospital admission
- Risk of re-presenting with exacerbation of COPD.
- Resides within Alfred Health catchment area
- Client consent to Outreach service provision
- Client must have long term management plan in place.
- Able to engage in self-management strategies

