

Hospital in the Home (HITH)



HITH offers patients with certain conditions the choice to receive their hospital care at home. You can be admitted to HITH from any MBPH service, ward, or your GP clinic.

Your proposed treatment plan including nursing and medical reviews will be discussed with you. You will provide consent prior to your admission to HITH. Children under 18 years of age will require their parent/legal guardian to consent.

Benefits of HITH

- ✓ you will receive safe quality care in the comfort of your home;
- ✓ you continue to receive care under the hospital doctor and nurses with daily home visits
- ✓ less disruption to your lifestyle with return to normal activities as appropriate
- ✓ less risk of infection
- ✓ your customised care plan is developed with you and details the treatment and care you will receive
- ✓ your scheduled home visits are timed to suit you and your treatment needs
- ✓ if needed, other services will be organised for home or personal care.

HITH Patient Responsibilities

- ✓ ensure your home is safe for you, your carer and visiting HITH staff
- ✓ understand that HITH services can be withdrawn if the home environment poses any form of risk to you, your carer or HITH staff
- ✓ ensure your telephone is working
- ✓ comply with your treatment plan and HITH emergency plan
- ✓ be at home for your scheduled HITH visits
- ✓ ensure you provide a clean, flat surface for HITH staff to work from
- ✓ ensure hospital supplies and equipment are treated with care & stored as instructed
- ✓ be familiar with your HITH Emergency plan. HITH Nurse will give you information about your specific condition and changes that require emergency treatment
- ✓ promptly inform HITH staff of any change, or concerns in your condition
- ✓ understand that you may be required to return to hospital for review or if your condition worsens



Triage 0400 828 555
Clinician 0498 582 082

7 days - 24 hours

If life-threatening emergency call 000

The HITH Nurse is available between 7am and 9pm every day. If you call outside these hours, the phone will be answered by the Hospital Coordinator.