

# Renal Services Relocation

## Letter to referring general practitioners, January 2010

We write to advise you of changes that are happening in renal services within Central Northern Adelaide Health Service (CNAHS), as from 11 January 2010.

Most of you would be aware of the project to transfer complex renal services from The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH) to the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) and amalgamate renal services across CNAHS. The new entity will be known as the Central Northern Adelaide Renal and Transplantation Service (CNARTS) and will be based at RAH. Further information is available on the webpage <http://www.health.sa.gov.au/cnaHS/Default.aspx?tabid=166> and intranet page [http://dev.health.sa.gov.au/cnaHS\\_dev/CNAHSSpecialProjects/RenalServiceIntegrationProject/tabid/90/Default.aspx](http://dev.health.sa.gov.au/cnaHS_dev/CNAHSSpecialProjects/RenalServiceIntegrationProject/tabid/90/Default.aspx) for the Renal Service Integration Project.

The transition of services will occur over a three-week period, commencing Monday 11 January. Transplantation surgery will commence at RAH on 18 January, and any patients remaining at TQEH on 29 January who require a 'complex' level of care will transfer to RAH. It is expected the number of such patients will be very few (if any).

The critical messages we wish to convey to patients and referrers are:

1. As from 11 January 2010, emergency renal conditions will be managed at RAH. Services for renal emergencies will be reduced at TQEH, as the renal unit staff will now be based at the RAH.
2. As from 18 January, the location of many outpatient clinics will change, with most TQEH clinics transferring to RAH.

The telephone number for all CNARTS outpatient appointments will be (08) 8222 5203 and the fax number for referrals will be (08) 8222 5907.

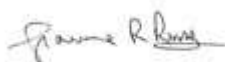
If you require further details, please contact the Project Office on (08) 8222 0007 or email [Rosie.Symes@health.sa.gov.au](mailto:Rosie.Symes@health.sa.gov.au).

A bulletin has been posted to all TQEH renal patients, summarising these changes. A copy of this bulletin is available on both the website and intranet page.

It will be appreciated if you would relay this information to your colleagues.

With thanks.

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