

Requests for GP and Network Representation

Lead Agency/Body/Program: SA Health – Emergency Access Taskforce Implementation Group

Representative Group: Direct Admissions Working Group

Objective: To develop and oversee the implementation and operation of a model for the direct admission of patients to an inpatient service across SA Health by:

- providing pathways to inpatient care that avoid the need for an emergency department presentation
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- ensuring information system support
- agreeing on a suite of performance indicators, a reporting schedule, and a reporting structure
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Operations: The Direct Admission Working Group will

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- provide system support and leadership to effect a statewide Direct Admits framework, consistent with regional requirements
- report directly to the Emergency Access Taskforce Implementation Group
- engage with consumer groups to ensure the patient perspective is incorporated into the strategy and model.

Terms of Reference: Attached.

Participation requested: GP Representative.

Meetings: Monthly, on Fridays, 4.00-5.00 pm (dates to be confirmed). Venue to be advised.

Compensation: Yes. Sitting fee as per SA Health policy at GPSA hourly rate (\$144 per hour).

Contact: Dr Christine Dennis, via Jacqui Nelson (EA), 08 8226 2272 jacqui.nelson@health.sa.gov.au

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest or brief CV should be forwarded to General Practice SA by **Wednesday, 21 April 2010** together with a letter of support from the Division.

Please email to Jenny Sadler at jenny.sadler@gpsa.org.au.

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The Direct Admission Working Group will meet monthly unless otherwise determined by the Working Group Chair.

MEMBERSHIP

The Chair of the Direct Admission Working Group will be a member of the Emergency Access Taskforce, and will be nominated by the Chair of the Taskforce.

Representative members will include:

- Emergency Department Clinician
- Surgical Lead
- Physician Lead
- Nursing Representative
- Statewide Service Strategy Representative
- Operations Division Representative/s
- Mental Health Representative
- GP Representative
- CHSA Representative
- SAAS Representative



The composition of the Direct Admission Working Group is designed to represent the various interests of all key stakeholders with some members providing both clinical and management representation.

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT

The Department of Health Operations Division will provide executive and project support.