

# Hospital Substitution Checklist

1. Substitutes for an Inpatient bed /ward stay or facilitates an earlier hospital discharge, provided it is clinically safe and the patient can cope at home.
2. Complex wound care includes acute surgical wounds with moderate to high exudate, debrided or dehiscent wounds, complicated or infected wounds. It also includes wound care such as a Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) that may not be performed in a GP clinic.
3. Hospital substitution does not include routine change of dressings for surgical wounds, routine non-healing chronic wound dressing changes, or routine stoma care.

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## For clients requiring negative pressure wound therapy

- Email referral and wound care chart including machine brand (KCI or Smith and Nephew), device pressure setting, dressing type and size, canister size, frequency of dressing changes and date of specialist review if known
- Please discharge patient home with at least **1 complete VAC dressing change, including basic consumables**, to provide time for the delivery of ordered supplies and avoid interruptions to wound care

- All sections of the Remedy Healthcare Referral form must be completed.
- Referral form is required to be signed by a clinician.

## For patients requiring wound care

- Email referral form, wound care chart including required care regime and products used
- Discharge patient with **3 days of dressing consumables** to provide time for the delivery of supplies ordered and avoid interruptions to wound care
- Send an updated wound care chart if care plan changes prior to discharge home

## For patients requiring drain tube care

- Include Type of drain. (please advise if it is to be measured only, measured and emptied, or if bag/bottle needs to be changed)
- Reportable limits/communication to specialist and removal orders/plan
- After hour contact number & plan for after hours management to be advised to us and the patient
- Discharge patient with **all consumables** required for drain tube care
- **Health Funds:** Not all health funds approve Drain tube care – referrals are considered on a case by case basis. If approved, care is usually funded for a maximum of 2 weeks covering only nurse visits (no consumables)

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## For clients requiring IV antibiotics:

- A Doctor to complete and sign the Medication chart (including flush order)
- Send a copy of the PICC details as listed on the medication chart and X-ray confirmation (date of insertion, location, internal & external length and PICC arm circumference).
- For 24 Hr infusers: connect the first infuser prior to discharge, advise Remedy Healthcare of the connection time and send client with the first batch of infusers
- For short infusions/Push doses: advise Remedy Healthcare the time of the last dose administered. Discharge the patient with medical vials, IV fluid bags and IV lines from the pharmacy
- Discharge patient with 1 spare PICC line dressing and **3 days of all IV consumables eg: syringes and flushes**

## Additional requirements or clients requiring IV Vancomycin antibiotics:

*(in addition to the above)*

- Treating Doctor is aware they are maintaining clinical governance regarding Vancomycin levels and dosing
- Second Doctor contact name and details in case governing Doctor is not available for Vancomycin dosing.
- Send a copy of latest Vancomycin level & renal function tests

- **Pathology days: Monday to Wednesday only.**  
This is because the company that compounds the 24 hr infusers will not deliver over the weekend and they have a cut off time for ordering
- **Specialist review:** Please advise when the doctor will review results. This is needed for Remedy Healthcare to follow up and order the next lot of Vancomycin baxters

## For patients requiring stoma care

- Provide all necessary information regarding stoma care. Email Stoma chart if available
- Please advise if patient is already connected to a Stoma Association
- Discharge patient with **all consumables** required for Stoma care
- After hour contact number & plan for after hours management to be advised to us and the patient
- **\*Note:** Remedy Healthcare does not provide a Stomal therapist service. Visits are conducted by RN's experienced in Stoma care and focused on education and support
- **Health Funds:** Not all health funds approve Stoma care – referrals are considered on a case by case basis. If approved, care is usually funded for a maximum of 2 weeks covering only nurse visits (no consumables)

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## Hospital Care at Home

# HCF Acute Nursing Service Referral Guidelines

- Complex wounds & IV AB's
- Includes nursing home visits ONLY
- No allied health & non-clinical services
- 7 days a week service provision
- Member would otherwise remain in hospital
- Referral form to include hospital LOS, bed days saved, treating specialist & GP details.
- Treating physician remains responsible for medical oversight
- Referring hospital to provide 3 days of consumables / dressing supplies
- Excludes chronic wounds (no recent debridement) - refer community provider

### **Complex Wound meets the following requirements:**

- Wound dehisced/debrided during hospital admission
- Depth of wound > 6mm at time of referral
- NPWT - requiring exudate management - refer to the Remedy Hospital Substitution Checklist
- Wound care chart provided with dimensions (including depth) of wound clearly documented on the wound care chart and a photo of the wound (if able).

### **Intravenous Antibiotics**

- IV antibiotic infusion or manual push
- Excludes S.C and oral medication administration
- Refer to Remedy Hospital Substitution Checklist to guide you through referral process
- See below for Referral Form and Medication chart

#### **Please note:**

- **Remedy Healthcare will conduct member eligibility and check referral suitability & eligibility criteria prior to confirming referral acceptance**
- **Member not to be discharged home from hospital until referral has been accepted**
- **Member has access to a telephone or mobile phone**

### **How to refer**

Refer via our digital referral form:

[refer.remedyhealthcare.com.au](https://refer.remedyhealthcare.com.au)

Alternatively, complete our PDF referral form and email to:

[getbetter@remedyhealthcare.com.au](mailto:getbetter@remedyhealthcare.com.au)

If you would like to discuss your referral with a Triage nurse,  
please call **1300 734 224**.

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# Hospital Care at Home Referral Form



Phone 1300 734 224 | Fax 1300 734 221 | Email [getbetter@remedyhealthcare.com.au](mailto:getbetter@remedyhealthcare.com.au)

## 1. Patient details

First name		Last name	
Date of birth		Gender	
Address for discharge			
State		Postcode	
Phone number		Email	
Cultural/language considerations			
Is the patient of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?		<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin <input type="checkbox"/> Not stated / inadequately described	

### Next of Kin

First name		Last name	
Phone number		Relationship	

## 2. Funding details (PLEASE SELECT HOW THIS PROGRAM WILL BE FUNDED)

<input type="checkbox"/> Private health fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital funded
Health fund name	
Membership number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation body/Third party	
Compensation Body Name	
Claim number	
Case manager name	
Case manager phone	
Case manager email	

## 3. Medical details

Hospital admission date		Anticipated discharge date	
Hospital name			
Primary diagnosis and interventions / surgical procedures (if applicable)			
Past medical history			
Any complications during current admission	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Details:	
Any cognitive impairment/delirium	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Details:	
Current functional status (mobility, transfers, ADLs)			
Social history			
Allergies			
Infection control alerts	<input type="checkbox"/> MRSA <input type="checkbox"/> Hep B/C <input type="checkbox"/> VRE <input type="checkbox"/> HIV <input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 <input type="checkbox"/> Influenza <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		
Specialist name			
Specialist phone		Specialist email	

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Patient name:
Patient DOB:
Patient address:

## 3. Medical details (CONTINUED)

GP name & clinic			
GP phone		GP email	
Second specialist name			
Second specialist phone (if applicable)		Second specialist email (if applicable)	
<b>Home visit staff safety checklist</b>			
History of aggression or violence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	History of inappropriate behaviour?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
History of illicit substance abuse?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Any other risks for home visiting?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Details:			

## 4. Hospital Care at Home service requirements

Start date	Frequency or specific days	Program length

The patient would otherwise stay admitted in hospital for \_\_\_\_\_ day/s without home services

Please select the service/s required:

☐ **IV antibiotics / PICC care**

PICC location		Insertion date	
PICC dressing due date		Length (internal/external)	
PICC location confirmed by x-ray?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (please advise when location confirmed for referral to proceed)	Medication chart attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (please send when available for referral to proceed)

☐ **Complex wound care management**

Wound care details			
Wound care chart attached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (please send when available for referral to proceed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Patient will be discharged home with <b>3 days of dressing consumables</b>	

☐ **Negative pressure wound therapy**

Device brand	<input type="checkbox"/> KCI <input type="checkbox"/> Smith & Nephew <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable (e.g. PICO/SNAP)	Device serial number (for KCI/Smith & Nephew)	
Canister and foam size and type		Device pressure setting	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuous <input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent
Wound care chart attached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (please send when available for referral to proceed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Patient will be discharged home with <b>1 complete VAC dressing change</b>	

☐ **Drain management**

Type of drain		Reportable limits?	
Drain management plan			
Wound care chart attached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (please send when available for referral to proceed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Patient will be discharged home with <b>all consumables</b> required for drain management	

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## 4. Hospital Care at Home service requirements (CONTINUED)

☐ **Stoma care**

Stoma details

☐ Yes

☐ No (please send when available for referral to proceed)

☐ Patient will be discharged home with **all consumable required** for stoma care.

☐ **Other (specify)**

Specific service requirement details

## 5. Additional referral information

## 6. Authorisation and referrer details

By signing and sending this referral I declare that:

- The hospital treating specialist declares that the patient is medically stable.
- The patient is suitable to safely engage in home-based care.
- The patient has consented to receiving Remedy Healthcare services at home and has consented to their personal and health information being shared with Remedy Healthcare and the health fund nominated in this form, or the health fund's authorised agent.
- The patient has consented to Remedy Healthcare and the health fund nominated in this form contacting the patient, including by electronic means, to ascertain funding eligibility, confirm receipt and facilitate participation of the relevant services.
- The information provided in this form is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Referrer name		Referrer organisation	
Referrer role title		Referrer phone	
Referrer email		Additional email	
Referrer signature		Date	

### Attach ADR sticker

## Diabetic on insulin

**Hospital Doctor maintaining Clinical Governance post discharge:**

**Not a valid prescription  
unless identifiers present**

Initials

Sign ..... Print ..... Date .....

☐ Upper arm circumference  
(if available)

Signature: .....

[illegible]