

The GEDI involves consultation and recommendations with the treating ED doctor, GPs, allied health, nursing and acute geriatric services.



Contact the GEDI team at:



GEDI **Geriatric Emergency** **Department Intervention**

Information for health professionals

What is Geriatric Emergency Department Intervention (GEDI)?

The GEDI team are a group of specially trained clinicians who provide an advanced practice role in the emergency department (ED).

GEDI clinicians aim to see all frail older people presenting to the ED, including those from residential aged care facilities (RACFs).

The team works in a multidisciplinary approach to the screening, assessment and care planning of frail older people, to ensure appropriate and coordinated care. They aim to streamline efficient ED processes leading to discharge home or to the ward in a timely manner, to improve health outcomes.



Benefits to you of GEDI in the ED



Single point of contact



Specialist assessment by geriatric ED clinicians



Reduced length of stay in ED for patients



Fast tracking of patients through ED



Improved ED discharge planning



Updates on the patient's condition and progress can be provided to the RACF (where applicable) and the general practitioner (GP)



Improved communication between the GP, RACF and ED



Please contact the GEDI team if you are referring a frail older person to the ED following GP consultation

This will assist the streamlining of care for your patients. The GEDI clinicians will be happy to call you back with updates on your patient should you wish.

Goals of GEDI team

We aim to keep frail older people as healthy and independent as possible.

We do this by:

- completing assessment and goal focussed care planning
- working with allied health to assess safety for discharge home
- coordinating with the ED doctor to plan discharge home or admission to hospital in a timely manner
- completing referrals for assessments in the home through services such as My Aged Care
- completing referrals for in home support.