

Hospital in the Home

Hospital in the Home services are available to treat conditions that would normally require admission to hospital, but can be provided in the patient's own home under medical supervision. They can be an alternative to being admitted to hospital, or may form part of an early discharge and treatment plan.

There is evidence that certain conditions can be well managed through this type of care, including cellulitis, pneumonia, deep vein thrombosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and urinary tract infections. Research demonstrates that patients can have improved outcomes and recovery at home with fewer complications such as infection, delirium and confusion. Treatments can include:

- Complex wound management
- Intravenous antibiotics and intravenous rehydration therapy
- Iron infusions
- Anticoagulation treatment

Factors to be considered when determining eligibility for Hospital in the Home include:

- Are you clinically stable?
- Do you have a support person to look out for you?
- Do you have access to a telephone?
- Is your treatment suitable in a home setting?
- Do you want to be treated at home?

Medical backup is available 24 hours a day, and services operate seven days a week.

Hospital in the Home services are provided through public and private hospitals.

Referrals can be made by either the emergency department or hospital doctor, or in some cases your General Practitioner.

Participation is voluntary and there is no additional charge to the patient.