

Alfred Health GP News

**Welcome to the April edition of Alfred
Health GP news.**

We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Contact us for any queries

on 9076 2620, or email us at gp.liaison@alfred.org.au.

A new approach for referrals for suspected lung cancer: The Lung Cancer Assessment Service

The multidisciplinary team at The Alfred have created a new single access point for all patients with suspected lung cancer. Referrals will be triaged daily by a Consultant and patients offered an appointment within 14 days of receiving the referral.

The Lung Cancer Assessment Service offers a multidisciplinary approach to the diagnosis, management and treatment of lung cancer. We have access and expertise in up-to-date treatments for lung cancer as well as novel clinical trials and research projects.

The multidisciplinary team includes respiratory physicians, thoracic surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, palliative care, nuclear medicine specialists, radiologists, allied health and nursing.

To ensure appropriate and timely triage, please include all demographic and clinical details as well as relevant investigation results. **Please fax your referral to (03) 9076 7631.**

Please contact the service registrar on call 0407 524 911 if there is any deterioration in your patient's condition or if you have any concerns to discuss.

More information can be found on the service page [here](#).

For further information, email lungcancerassessmentservice@alfred.org.au, or phone 9076 2025.

Iron transfusions at the Alfred and Sandringham

Patients requiring iron infusions can be directly admitted to either The Alfred or Sandringham by phoning the general medicine registrar. The Alfred General Medicine registrar can be contacted on 0428 626 183, whilst the General Medicine Registrar at Sandringham can be contacted on 0428 713 509. When calling, please provide the registrar with details of the patient's weight, Hb and ferritin level.

Aged Care Consultants at Caulfield Hospital

Caulfield Hospital specialises in community services, rehabilitation, aged care and aged mental health.

The hospital plays a state-wide role in rehabilitation services, which includes the Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre, neurological rehabilitation, spinal rehabilitation and care for amputee patients.

Services are provided in hospital, in the community and at home, depending on the individual's needs. Care is focused on enhancing people's health, independence and overall wellbeing.

Seven geriatricians are available for outpatient consultations at Caulfield, with clinics held on Monday afternoons, Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. The consulting geriatricians are:

- Associate Professor Peter Hunter (Thursday AM)
- Dr Renate Lemke (Monday PM)
- Dr Suma Poojary (Monday PM)
- Dr Brenton Tay (Thursday PM)
- Dr Amelia Crabtree (Thursday PM)
- Dr Jonathan Beavers (Monday PM and Wednesday PM)
- Dr Su Shian Lee (Monday PM – chronic wound clinic.)

To refer your patients for an aged care consultation, please fax a comprehensive referral to the named specialist of your choice to 9076 6435.

GPs are invited to attend Grand Rounds at The Alfred

The Alfred Hospital Grand Round is the premier weekly event on campus where physicians, surgeons, radiologists, pathologists, anaesthetists, researchers, Alfred Health registrars and other trainees enjoy a convivial and educational atmosphere with a broad cross-section of their colleagues. GPs are warmly invited to attend.

The Alfred Grand Rounds are held **each Thursday in the AMREP seminar room, from 12.30 – 1.30pm**. Lunch is provided from 12pm. Each session begins with a 5 minute clinical vignette for discussion, followed by the main presentation of 45 minutes duration, with time for questions.

The program includes speakers from most disciplines, including medicine, surgery, anaesthesia, trauma and the on-site research institutes.

Upcoming Grand Rounds are:

Thursday 20 th April 12.30-1.30pm AMREP Seminar Room, The Alfred	Diabetes and Endocrinology
Thursday 27 th April AMREP Lecture Theatre, The Alfred	General Medicine
Thursday 4 th May	Baker/IDI
Thursday 11 th May	Cases from clinical review

For further information or to receive details of each week's Grand Round by email, please contact Mary Toye on 9903 0198, or email m.toye@alfred.org.au.

GP Liaison at Alfred Health – we're here to help!



Our GP Liaison team – Dr Josie Samers and Tracey O'Connell – are here to assist you in navigating Alfred Health. Whether it's a missing discharge summary, assistance with getting an outpatient appointment or suggestions on how we can do things better, we are here to help. Our office is attended on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays; phone 9076 2620 or email us gp.liaison@alfred.org.au.



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