



Factsheet for GPs

Need clinical advice for COVID-19 positive patients within the NMHS catchment?

This factsheet provides information on how general practitioners can access **clinical advice** for COVID-19 positive patients who live within the North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) area. Please only contact Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH) or Osborne Park Hospital (OPH) clinicians if your patient resides within the catchment.

The **WA COVID Care at Home Service** delivers home monitoring care for COVID-19 positive patients who have conditions that put them at greater risk of hospitalisation. Please [click here](#) for more information on the WA COVID Care at Home Service.

For COVID-19 positive patients residing in the NMHS metropolitan catchment area:

Please first refer to:

- [HealthPathways: COVID-19 Assessment and Management.](#)
- [Home-care guidelines for patients with COVID-19 \(RACGP\)](#)
- [COVID-19 information for Health Professionals \(WA Department of Health\)](#)

NMHS clinical advice on COVID-19 related health problems

1. How do I access advice on the use of early therapeutics for my COVID-19 positive patient who **does not** need hospitalisation but is in a high-risk group?

Please refer to [HealthPathways: COVID-19 Assessment and Management](#) for guidance information on each of the medications and instructions on how to access treatment for your patient. Note: Lagevrio® (molnupiravir) and Paxlovid® (nirmatrelvir and ritonavir) are available on PBS Streamlined Authority prescription.

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

Please ring SCGH switchboard on (08) 6457 3333, identify yourself as a GP and ask for the on-call COVID infectious diseases consultant.

Osborne Park Hospital

Contact Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.



2. How do I seek urgent clinical advice on managing COVID-19 related health problems for my COVID-19 positive patient, including potential need for admission?

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

Please ring SCGH switchboard on (08) 6457 3333, identify yourself as a GP and ask for the **COVID consultant**.

Osborne Park Hospital

Contact Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.





3. How do I access specialist care for my patient experiencing suspected post-COVID syndrome?

The Post-COVID Syndrome Clinic previously publicised at SCGOPHCG is pausing the acceptance of referrals while further work is undertaken to ensure consistency with state planning. Existing referrals to the service will be honoured and the service will recommence soon. In the interim, urgent referrals can be made to the speciality of the patient's main complaint.

NMHS clinical advice on non-COVID-19 related health problems in COVID-19 positive patients

1. How do I seek urgent clinical advice on non-COVID-19-related health problems for my COVID-19 positive patient?

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

Please ring SCGH switchboard on (08) 6457 3333, identify yourself as a GP and ask for the **relevant specialist team on call**.

2. How do I seek urgent clinical advice on geriatric-specific issues (eg: delirium, agitation) for my elderly COVID-19 positive patient?

For patients living in a residential aged care facility, please ring the Residential Care Line on (08) 6457 3146 (8am-6pm, 7 days a week).

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

Please ring SCGH switchboard on (08) 6457 3333, identify yourself as a GP and ask for the **on-call geriatrician**.

Osborne Park Hospital

Please ring OPH switchboard on (08) 6457 8000, identify yourself as a GP and ask for the **on-call geriatrician**.

3. How do I seek clinical advice on end-of-life/symptom control for my COVID-19 positive patient

Please ring the **state-wide Palliative Care Outreach Service** on 1300 558 655 (24-hour advisory service for doctors and nurses). Enquiries will be taken by a palliative care consultant.

COVID-19 information for patients and visitors of Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital is available [here](#), Osborne Park Hospital is available [here](#).

Clinical advice for maternity/pregnant patients

For information about how to access clinical advice and information for pregnant patients with COVID-19 within the NMHS catchment, please see the [Women and Newborn Health Service \(WNHS\)](#) website.