



DELMONT
PRIVATE HOSPITAL

AGED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE OVERVIEW



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Delmont Private Hospital offers a comprehensive range of services to assist and treat older people with mental health conditions.

They consist of:

- **Therapy program and Hospital care**
- **Transition to Home** - Patients return to the inpatient unit on a day stay basis as they adjust from full support of hospital to self-care at home.
- **Delmont Day Programs** - A purpose built space within Delmont Private Hospital with comprehensive programs, including specific programs for older people, aimed at promoting and maintaining psychological, social and physical functioning.
- **Community Outreach Program** – Patient in home visits made by mental health nurses.

For more information on **How to Refer**, go to back page in this brochure.



INPATIENT - HOSPITAL CARE

The Hospital Intake Coordinator is able to assist with initial enquiries, including identifying an available specialist Psychogeriatrician, to begin the process of care, assessment and treatment planning.

Following assessment, continuing outpatient care may be offered, or in more acute cases, a period of hospitalisation.

Delmont Private Hospital has dedicated inpatient programs for patients aged 65 or older and for those who have a younger onset of conditions usually associated with ageing.

Patients care will managed by their Psychogeriatrician in conjunction with hospital staff, including

- Nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Physiotherapist
- Social Worker
- Personal Trainer
- General Practitioner
- Music Therapist

If required other specialists are available to assist, including

- Geriatrician
- Neuropsychologist
- Podiatrist
- Pastoral Care
- Dietician
- Psychologist
- Other consultant medical specialists as required

The Aged Mental Health Inpatient Program has two parts:

1. Treatment of the acute phase of the illness.

This will usually involve medication, exercise programs, group discussion and education, relaxation techniques and engagement in social and recreational activities. Throughout all activities independent living skills are assessed. Staff spend time daily with each patient to assist in understanding their life story and the circumstances which resulted in their admission.

2. Future Planning.

In conjunction with the patient and their family a discharge plan is developed.

This may be a simple return to former lifestyle and activities: home with additional supports; or a move to supported care.

Staff are able to guide the patient and their family through this process. Staff can assist with referrals for home and community supports and the Aged Care Assessment Service. Advice on residential aged care is provided if required.



TRANSITION TO HOME SERVICE

The Transition to Home Program is designed to assist patients make a safe and seamless transition from hospital care to home and then further support by the Delmont Day Program or Community Outreach Service if appropriate.

When does it Operate

The Transition to Home Program operates Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm.

What it Offers

It offers short term support and structure to recently discharged patients, who are, for various reasons, not in a position to fully make the transition to home or attend the Delmont Day Program.

Participants will attend the structured and supportive day program based within the main hospital, which is designed to best meet their level of functioning. This will allow the patient to continue to engage in the various aspects of the Inpatient Therapy Program that they are familiar with and have been participating in immediately prior to discharge from the Hospital.

Benefits of Attending the Program

It is anticipated that the Transition to Home Program will assist patients to consolidate the gains made during their inpatient admission. It also helps patients to improve self-confidence, regain their ability to function more independently and make a valuable contribution to their own on-going recovery.

In addition to attending the Group Program, patients will obtain assistance from the TTH Nursing Coordinator, who will help them with any additional issues related to their health and wellbeing. Any required medical assistance will be overseen by the referring Psychiatrist or Medical Specialist.

If you are Interested in Attending

If you are interested in attending the Transition To Home program, please discuss this with your doctor. Your doctor will make a referral on your behalf.

Program Coordinator

The program is coordinated and overseen by a dedicated Nursing Coordinator. For further enquiries or to find out more about Transition to Home Program, please contact:

Direct: 9805 7357 Telephone: 9805 7333 ext. 3557

Email: TTH@delmonthospital.com.au



AGED MENTAL HEALTH

The Delmont Aged Mental Health Outpatient Services are run by a well-established and dedicated team of clinicians. It offers both group-based programs and community outreach visits for older people with mental health issues.

Delmont Day Program Aged Mental Health and the Community Outreach Service operate 5 days per week.

The Delmont Day Program (DDP) is an integrated service located within the Hospital. This program, delivered by experienced and qualified therapists, addresses psychological, social and physical needs. The program uses evidence based practices and focuses primarily on psychological interventions, as well utilizing physical and cognitive activities

How to refer? A referral can be made to either services as part of continuing care after being hospitalised, or directly from an outpatient Psychiatrist/GP.



DDP - OUTPATIENT SERVICES OVERVIEW

DDP Aged Mental Health Group Programs are:

- Living Well with Mental illness
- Memory
- General Psychiatry Programs - may also be suitable based on an individual's presenting needs.
- Substance Use Addictions Programs - access based on co-existing mental health and addiction issues.

Assessment and Treatment Planning:

Mental health and age-related assessments and outcome measures form an important part of the individualised care planning and clinically tailored programs.

The most suitable mental health service will be determined, based on the Doctor's referral, a clinician assessment and individual and carer input, service admission and exclusion criteria; and level of health fund/insurance cover.

The **Community Outreach Service (COS)** is a Hospital in the Home type program in which nurses visit people within the community. Generally, the outreach team provides an interim service for patients discharging from a hospital stay, rather than crisis or case management.

The focus is supporting people to continue to function within their community setting. The DDP team works collaboratively with patients, nominated carers and other services to provide individualised care as part of the treating doctors overall treatment plan.

DDP - AGED MENTAL HEALTH

Overview

The service is designed for older people experiencing a range of common mental health conditions including mood, anxiety and adjustment disorders i.e. depression, grief and loss. This program is aimed at improving emotional and physical functioning and maintaining independence. It provides the opportunity to meet others with similar experiences and to explore some of the changes and challenges of post retirement life.

This Service Utilises:

- Psycho-education about mental health
- Goal Setting
- Progressive physical strength training and other physical activity interventions
- Psychological coping strategies for physical and mental well-being
- Behavioural strategies to help establish and maintain healthy daily habits
- Exploration of ageing, change and promotion of mental health and positive lifestyle
- Mindfulness and relaxation practises
- Cognitive stimulation based activities
- Exploration of values to develop a stronger sense of purpose and structure in one's life
- Community outings and social activities

DDP - LIVING WELL WITH MENTAL ILLNESS GROUP

Benefits Include:

- Increased knowledge about mental health including emotional and brain functioning
- Sharing experiences in a supportive environment
- Learning helpful skills and attitudes to manage mental health conditions
- Learning and practising new ways of coping, managing and accepting change
- Increased social engagement in a safe environment
- Improved quality of life
- Assistance in maintaining and increasing overall physical, cognitive, emotional and social health

Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients with mental health conditions
- Patients who are ambulant and self-caring
- Patients currently seeing their psychiatrists on a regular basis (minimum 12 weeks) for reviews

Exclusion Criteria:

- Patients with acute psychosis
- Patients with mild to severe cognitive impairment – dementia
- Patients requiring individualised nursing care and/or inpatient treatment
- Patients assessed as a moderate to high risk for falls, aggression, suicide
- Patients who are prone to wandering and/or absconding risk
- Patients with acute/severe physical illness

DDP - AGED MENTAL HEALTH GROUP

Suitable for older people experiencing mild to moderate stages of cognitive impairment. The group is aimed at maintaining independence and monitoring levels of cognitive and social functioning.

This Group Utilises:

- Psycho-education for cognitive functioning
- Progressive physical strength training and other physical activity interventions
- Coping strategies for physical and mental well-being
- Community outings and social activities
- Cognitive stimulation based activities including:
 - Problem solving
 - Numeracy and literacy based activities
 - Memory enhanced activities
 - Music and movement
 - Sensory, visual & spatial activities
 - Reminiscence activities
 - Creative activities using multi-media

Benefits Include:

- Knowledge of brain functioning and memory loss
- Sharing lived experiences in a supportive environment
- Learning helpful skills and attitudes to manage dementia
- Learning and practising new ways of managing memory loss
- Increased social engagement in a safe environment

DDP - MEMORY GROUP

- Assistance maintaining and increasing overall physical, cognitive, emotional and social health
- Carer support and education, with cross-referral to supporting agencies as required

Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients with mild to moderate cognitive impairment
- Patients who are ambulant and self-caring
- Patients currently seeing their psychiatrists on a regular basis (minimum 12 weeks) for reviews

Exclusion Criteria:

- Patients with acute psychosis
- Patients requiring individualised nursing care and/or inpatient treatment
- Patients assessed as a moderate to high risk for falls, aggression, suicide
- Patients who are prone to wandering and/or absconding risk
- Patients with acute/severe physical illness



DDP - GENERAL PSYCHIATRY GROUPS

During the assessment phase or whilst attending the Aged Mental Health Program, individual interventions may be identified and a specific therapy modality recommended

These Groups Utilise:

- Acceptance Commitment Therapy
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- Creative Arts Therapy
- Mindfulness Based Therapy
- Mindfulness and Relaxation sessions

Benefits Include:

- Increased knowledge about mental health
- Treatment using relevant therapeutic modalities
- Sharing lived experiences in a supportive environment
- Learning specific skills and strategies to manage mental health conditions

Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients with mental health conditions
- Patients who are ambulant and self-caring
- Patients currently seeing their psychiatrists on a regular basis (minimum 12 weeks) for reviews

Exclusion Criteria:

- Patients with acute psychosis
- Patients with mild to severe cognitive impairment / dementia
- Patients requiring individualised care and/or inpatient treatment
- Patients assessed as a moderate to high risk for falls, aggression, suicide
- Patients who are prone to wandering and/or absconding risk
- Patients with acute/severe physical illness

DDP - SUBSTANCE USE & ADDICTION PROGRAM (SUAP) GROUPS

Co-existing addiction problems can be addressed for older people within the SUAP program.

These Groups Utilise:

- Psycho-education about mental health and addiction
- Relapse Prevention
- Motivational Interviewing
- Acceptance Commitment Therapy
- Creative Arts Therapy
- Mindfulness and Relaxation sessions

Benefits Include:

- Increased knowledge about addictions and impact on physical and mental health
- Sharing lived experiences in a supportive environment
- Learning specific skills and strategies to manage addiction

Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients with co-existing addiction and mental health conditions
- Patients ready for change
- Patients who are ambulant and self-caring
- Patients currently seeing their psychiatrists on a regular basis (minimum 12 weeks) for reviews

Exclusion Criteria:

- Patients with acute psychosis or cognitive impairment
- Patients not ready to make changes and/or intoxication
- Patients requiring individualised care and/or inpatient detoxification treatment
- Patients assessed as a high risk for falls, aggression, suicide
- Patients with acute/severe physical illness

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICE (COS)

The home visits are offered to eligible patients within a 20-25km radius of Delmont Hospital. A referral is required to access individual support and monitoring post discharge from Hospital, in their home or community.

The Community Outreach Service is designed for older people:

- Experiencing difficulties making the transition from hospital
- Facing challenges coping with their mental illness
- Dealing with family and social relationship issues including isolation
- Managing life transitions and change
- Needing support and linkages within their local community
- Requiring skills acquisition

Benefits Include:

- Increased knowledge about mental health conditions
- Exploration of ageing, change and promotion of mental health and positive lifestyle
- Learning helpful skills and attitudes to manage mental health conditions
- Assistance in maintaining and increasing overall physical, cognitive, emotional and social health.
- Learning and practising new ways of coping, accepting and adapting to change

COS Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients with mental health conditions
- Patients who are self-caring
- Patients currently seeing their psychiatrists on a regular basis (minimum 12 weeks) for reviews.

COS Exclusion Criteria:

- Patients with acute psychosis
- Patients with severe cognitive impairment/dementia
- Patients requiring assistance with activities of daily living and/or inpatient treatment
- Patients assessed as a moderate to high risk for falls, aggression, suicide
- Patients who are prone to wandering and/or absconding risk
- Patients already accessing a number of external support services to address their mental health
- Staff OHS issues that may impact on visiting patients within the community setting



HOW TO REFER

INPATIENT ADMISSION AGED:

- GP's can send patient referrals to Hospital Intake Coordinator or a Delmont Accredited Psychiatrist for an Inpatient Admission
- If the referral is for a Delmont Psychiatrist, FAX the referral to the Intake Coordinator

FAX: (03) 9889 8696

ENQUIRIES: (03) 9805 7390

TRANSITION TO HOME:

**ENQUIRIES: (03) 9805 7357 or
(03) 9873 3533 EXT. 3557**

EMAIL: TTH@delmonthospital.com.au

DDP/COS ADMISSION:

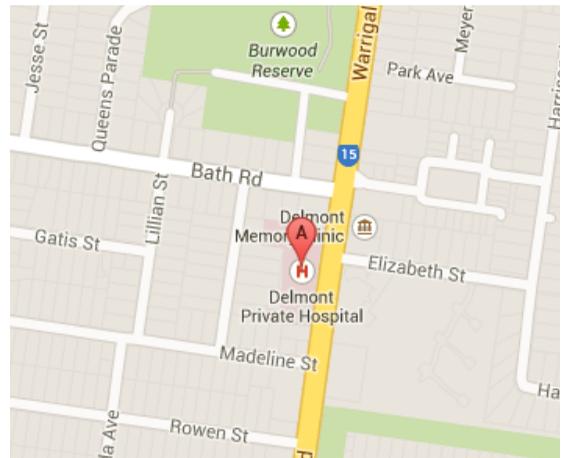
- GP can send referral directly to Delmont Day Programs (DDP) or to a Delmont Psychiatrist

DDP/COS FAX: (03) 9805 7395

ENQUIRIES: (03) 9805 7370

- Patient must have private current health insurance/Work Cover approval or be self-funded.
- Patient assessment appointment will be made by the Intake Clinician, Delmont Day Programs
- Patient assessment is conducted by DDP Intake Clinician
- Patients must keep regular appointments with psychiatrist as part of health fund regulations.

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