

# Transport Options

➤ Patients are required to make their own way to dialysis

➤ 2024

Options for transport listed are below. For any further details please discuss with your Social Worker or ward staff.

1. **Drive yourself** if cleared by your medical team / GP to drive.
  - a. **St George Hospital:** You can get a parking concession from Social Work or from the Nurse Unit Manager. Parking concessions are valid for 3 months and can be renewed. This means you can park in the carpark at a lower cost.
  - b. **Sutherland Hospital:** There are some free parking spaces.
  - c. **Fresenius Medical Clinic:** Parking spaces are free.

2. **Family member drops you and picks you up** from the front entrance.

3. **Public transport**

4. **Community transport**

Register via the My Aged Care website [www.myagedcare.gov.au] if you are over 65 years old. You will need to be assessed by My Aged Care before you can use community transport. If you are not sure how to register online or how to make a referral to My Aged Care then contact your ward Social Worker.

If you are in the St George Hospital area choose “**St George Community Transport**”.

- St George Community transports operates Monday to Friday, you must give 3 days’ notice and will cost \$15 round trip to St George Hospital if using the service.
- If you have an appointment at Sydney Eye Clinic or another city hospital it will be \$30 round trip and to Sutherland hospital will cost \$25 round trip.

If you are in the Sutherland area choose “**Activus**”.

- Activus transport work Monday to Friday and will cost \$24-\$28 round trip if travelling in the Sutherland Shire (depends on distance from Sutherland Hospital) and \$40 round trip if travelling to St George Hospital.

*NOTE: If you are on Home Care Package (HCP) and you chose to your HCP funds towards Community Transport, please speak to your Service Provider regarding costs, as you may be charged per kilometre, rather than the standard costs listed above.*

5. **Private Taxi** You can speak with your GP or specialist about whether you are eligible to apply for the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme - this allows for half price taxis.
6. **Uber** or other ride-sharing service.
7. **DVA transport** for those eligible. This is specific government funding and services for War Veterans.
8. **If you have private health insurance with “Ambulance cover”** – you can speak to the dialysis nursing unit manager or the dialysis social worker.