

SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA HEALTH.

St George Hospital

BRIEFING: VARIANCE TO POLICY PD 208- SGH Renal Department internal variance

Purpose: To provide the information regarding the process for Renal PACE calls during normal working hours.

Summary of key issues and variances:

- During normal working hours, all PACE activations will be sent to all Renal RMO and registrar pagers as a bundle as listed below. (Group supplied by communications dept).

NEPHROLOGY PACE Group	949 644 633 643 645 843 397
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- The Renal team will respond using the following system/ roster:
 - For the Dialysis Units** the resident attends the call as below:
 - Mondays and Wednesdays page 397 - Brown/Mangos
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays page 645 - Kelly/Katz
 - Friday page 643- Chan/Ong
 - For ward patients:**
 - The above system will apply except that an RMO may recognise that the call is for their patient and then notify the 'on-call' RMO that they will attend instead
 - For The Renal House
 - PACE extends to renal house also, located on South Street between Mental Health and the Private Hospital.
 - Patients reviewed here are to be triaged as follows;
 - If extremely unwell or unstable call 000 and have an ambulance transfer the patient to St George ED
 - If the patient is stable and requires admission to hospital but unable to wait at home a bed should be arranged with bed management and the patient awaits the bed in The Renal House.
 - If the patient requires admission on a non-urgent basis a bed can be arranged and the patient await this at home if deemed well enough to do so.
- **The resident is required to complete the following –**
 - Assess the patient
 - Discusses the situation with the registrar responsible for that consultant's patients as soon as the RMO has completed their review. This is true for both inpatients and dialysis patients.
- This process applies only to daytime PACE calls between 8am and 4.30pm. After hours the usual hospital PACE policy applies whereby a registrar must attend and review the patient within 30 minutes.
- Any change to the PACE calling criteria remains the responsibility of the admitting specialist or the primary care team Registrar
- This policy is to commence. January 2014

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Recommendation:

- To be endorsed by the SGH PACE Committee- Endorsed 10/8/2010
- To be noted and acknowledged by the PACE Executive Steering Committee

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