

# Referring to Geriatric Flying Squad

## Who can refer?

- GP's requesting review of acute changes in patients condition
- RACF staff with concerns about clinical status (should consult with GP first)



## What Geriatric Flying Squad does:

- Rapid response service to RACF's to manage acute conditions (who would be considered for management in hospital) within the facility
- Support GP/ RACF staff with end of life management in non-complex cases (complex cases refer to Community Palliative Care Team)
- Follow up of complex patients post discharge to RACF where it considered that there is a high chance of re-admission
- Reduce the need ED presentation by providing care within the RACF
- GFS does not do routine follow ups or chart routine medications
- NB: GFS is unable to provide treatment to residents solely based on recommendation of GPs or other medical practitioners.

### Referrals that **WILL** be accepted:

- ✓ Cellulitis requiring medical assessment or IV antibiotics
- ✓ Acute medical conditions e.g. UTIS, LRTI
- ✓ Administration of IV antibiotics
- ✓ Fluid overload / Heart failure
- ✓ Increasing confusion/delirium
- ✓ Acute pain management
- ✓ Palliative care patients, pain management &, symptom management
- ✓ Falls

### Referrals that **WILL NOT** be accepted:

- ⊗ Review of chronic wounds
- ⊗ Ongoing behavioural issues
- ⊗ Management of stable chronic diseases
- ⊗ Routine follow ups
- ⊗ No IVABs infusions (i.e. vancomycin)



If unsure if a referral is appropriate, please call Geriatric Flying Squad on **0477320211**



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