

Psychiatric Services

Consultation Liaison Psychiatry

Our role is to provide a psychiatric consultation service to inpatients of the hospital when requested and provide psychiatric consultation for outpatients in times of clinical emergency.

How do I get a referral to this service?

Written referrals are accepted from any member of the clinical team at Calvary Mater Newcastle. In an emergency clinical situation, referrals are accepted from any relevant person and need not be in writing.

Self referral of patients is rarely accepted, except occasionally direct from patients who were previously treated by the department.

Outpatient referrals from hospital departments are only rarely accepted because of time, space and personnel limitations, and should be negotiated directly by a doctor or department member. Contact can be made through the department secretary on 4921 1283.

Our professional goals

The department provides training and clinical placement in consultation-liaison psychiatry for trainee psychiatrists, undergraduate medical students, postgraduate psychology students and other students from time to time. It is our aim to provide relevant research activities in the area of consultation-liaison psychiatry and to participate with our colleagues and peers in administrative activities of professional standards with the RANZCP and other related groups.

We participate in maintaining links between the Mental Health Services, general medical services and University faculties and departments in Australia and overseas.

Research

As part of our professional goals, the department of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry continues to participate in world class research. Refer to our research section of the website.