

# EMERGENCY SERVICES

Sydney Adventist Hospital operates the largest private 24x7 emergency care facility in New South Wales, treating around 19,000 patients annually. The service is under-pinned by the caring culture and comprehensive specialty services of the hospital, which is the largest private hospital in the state. Emergency Care has twelve specialist emergency physicians rostered in the department, along with experienced career medical officers providing specialised emergency medicine expertise.

Emergency Care is fully accredited for training by the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine and has registrar positions in emergency medicine, ultrasound, general medicine, intensive care and anaesthetics. We are also an accredited training department for the University of Sydney and have interns and medical students seconded to our department.

## Our Patients

Emergency Care is a general adult and paediatric emergency department, with approximately 20% of patients arriving by ambulance. While SAH is not a designated trauma hospital, the Emergency Care department is capable of dealing with the majority of medical and surgical emergencies. Sydney Adventist Hospital is a designated Stroke hospital and there is a 24 hour on-call Cardiac Catheter Laboratory for acute chest pain patients.

Common reasons for adults to attend Emergency Care include:

- Abdominal pain
- Chest pain
- Dyspnoea
- Collapse / falls
- Fever
- Back pain
- Nausea / vomiting

Common reasons for children to attend Emergency Care include:

- Fever
- Abdominal pain
- Lacerations

- Nausea / vomiting
- Cough / dyspnoea / asthma
- Upper limb injuries

## Specialty Services

Sydney Adventist Hospital has excellent critical care services including Intensive Care, Cardiac Catheter Laboratory and Coronary Care. The hospital has comprehensive sub-specialty medical and surgical services, with on-call rosters in many of these specialties.

On-call specialty rosters include:

- Anaesthetics
- Cardiology
- Interventional Cardiology and Echocardiography
- Endocrinology
- Ear nose and throat surgery
- Gastroenterology
- Gastrointestinal surgery
- General medicine
- Haematology
- Hand surgery
- Intensive care
- Infectious diseases
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery, including spinal surgery
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Orthopaedics, both upper and lower limb
- Paediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Respiratory medicine
- Urology
- Vascular surgery

Emergency Care is a major referrer to the San's Hospital in the Home service.

## Diagnostic Services

Sydney Adventist Hospital offers a comprehensive range of diagnostic services including:

- Radiology:
  - Radiology services include x-ray, general and vascular ultrasound, echocardiography, interventional radiology, CT and MRI scanning.
  - Radiographers are available onsite for general x-ray 7 days a week between 8am and 12 midnight. CT and Ultrasound sessions are run with onsite radiographers and sonographers on both weekend days. Outside of these hours staff are on call to provide urgent examinations where required.
  - Radiologists report on site 7 days a week and outside of their rostered hours radiological opinions can be sought for urgent cases.
  - This comprehensive service allows Emergency Care patients extensive access to advanced diagnostics so that their assessment and treatment can be expedited.
- Pathology:
  - 24 hour on-site service allows Emergency Care patients to be rapidly assessed and diagnosed and time critical treatments commenced
- San Ultrasound for Women
- Northern Nuclear Medicine

## Excellence in Medical and Nursing Care

- The San is known for its unique and exceptional care – its part of the fabric of the San. We attract highly skilled and qualified Specialists and Registrars, and they work hand in hand with our very experienced nursing teams.
- Maintaining a high quality of nursing and clinical staff is vital to the care of our patients. The San boasts a very loyal and committed nursing team. The unique care is evidenced by our low staff turnover and our low reliance on agency staff.
- Supporting our tremendous nursing staff are the pastoral and counselling teams available for our patients and their carers.

Please see [www.sah.org.au](http://www.sah.org.au) for further information on our services.

For SAH accredited specialists contact Medical Administration on 02 9487 9400 or find a San specialist at [www.sah.org.au/find-a-specialist](http://www.sah.org.au/find-a-specialist)

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