

Am I eligible?

Patients who are eligible:

- Require short term care that can be delivered safely in the home.
- Do not require an emergency response.
- Are aged 16 and over and not under the care of a paediatrician.
- Are not more than 22 weeks pregnant.
- Can communicate effectively, directly or through an interpreter.
- Are medically and mentally stable.
- Are Medicare eligible.
- Have given consent.

Patients who are privately insured and who are in an inpatient setting are not eligible to access Government funded services.

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Quick Guide for Patients



Ask your health care professional about referral to Silver Chain **Home Hospital**.

For further information please contact our **Ambulatory Liaison Nurse** on **9242 0242**.

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Silver Chain **Home Hospital** delivers hospital level care across the metropolitan area 24 hours, seven days a week. An integrated service, Silver Chain **Home Hospital** provides a convenient and comfortable way for patients to be treated safely in their home.

Silver Chain's **Home Hospital** is supported by the Friend in Need - Emergency (FINE) scheme, a Government of Western Australia initiative.

Silver Chain **Home Hospital** provides a co-ordinated service in the home to patients in the Perth metropolitan area.

Silver Chain **Home Hospital** is supported by experienced medical practitioners and nurses who are on call 24 hours, seven days per week.

Patients can be admitted to Silver Chain **Home Hospital** upon referral by a medical practitioner. Silver Chain **Home Hospital** caters for patients who may need short term clinical care.

One aspect of Silver Chain **Home Hospital** is an in-home assessment (called Priority Response Assessment, or PRA) for a range of conditions which do not require an emergency response but can be attended to within four hours. Treatments may occur in the home and referral to other services may be made.

Silver Chain **Home Hospital** services also cater for patients with a range of care requirements, who may require:

- Further care after being discharged from hospital
- Hospital level care as an alternative to hospitalisation

Silver Chain **Home Hospital** patients may receive ongoing care provided by registered nurses, care aides, physiotherapists or other health care professionals to assist full recovery at home.

Benefits

The overall goal is to reduce the need for inpatient care for those patients where treatment can instead be delivered safely in their home. This will result in:

- Improved care outcomes for patients who can be treated at home rather than being transferred to hospital, and for those who can return home sooner after surgical or medical interventions.
- Recovery in the comfort of your home.
- Less disruption to the family home environment.
- Improved responsiveness of the healthcare system as a whole to meet growing demand.
- Reduced pressure on hospital beds.

