

Who is eligible:

- Have Diabetes
 - Have current wounds or active diabetic foot complications
 - Are at risk of presenting to the emergency department or a have had a recent hospital admission
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HARP Diabetic Foot Unit

The Diabetic Foot Unit (DFU) consists of Hospital and Community Services.
Referrals will be triaged according to the information provided.

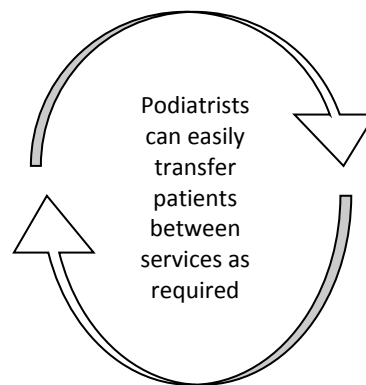
Diabetic Foot Unit - Hospital

RMH inpatients and outpatient multidisciplinary unit including:

- Podiatrists
- Endocrinologist
- Vascular surgeon
- Clinical Psychologist
- Orthotists

Refer when your patient:

- Requires vascular intervention
- Requires complex antibiotic management
- Is at high risk of hospital admission
- Requires complex wound management



Diabetic Foot Unit - Community

RMH Podiatrists and HARP Diabetes Educators work out of the following centres:

- Coburg (Merri CHS)
- Fawkner (Merri CHS)
- Niddrie (cohealth)

Refer when your patient:

- Requires complex wound management
 - Requires Diabetes Educator co-consults
 - Is at low risk of hospital admission
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Accessing the service

Wait times: Clients are contacted within 3 days of referral receipt, first appointment is within 10 working days

Cost: Small payment may be required for footwear

Referral: Fax your referral to the **Direct Access Unit** on **(03) 8387 2217** for triage

Referrals to include: medical history, medications, current management plan and reason for referral. Current inpatient referrals: Call DFU Team Leader on **0400 731 239** or contact the DFU Registrar through Switch with any queries

Website: <https://www.thermh.org.au/health-professionals/clinical-services/community-services/harp-complex-care>

What happens when my patient's foot is stable?

The HARP DFU is a short-term service, patients will be transitioned to community health or private podiatry once their foot health is stable.

Contact

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