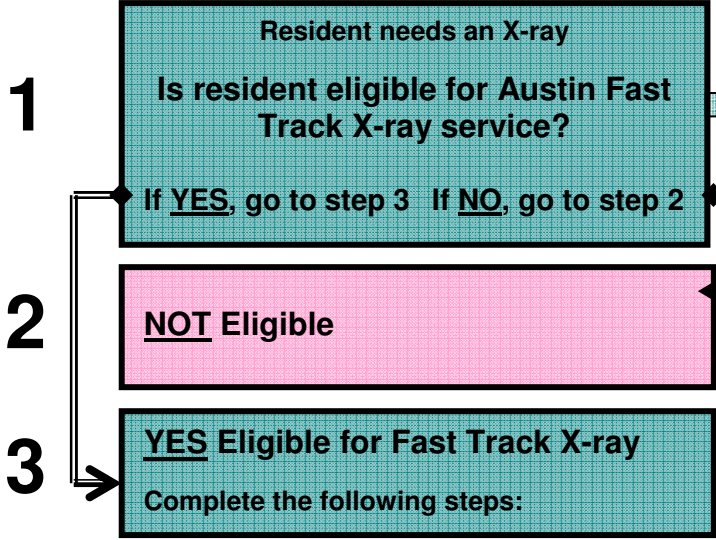




Flow Chart for GPs Austin Fast Track X-ray Service

STEPS



Eligibility Criteria:

- Is a resident of an aged care home
- Is NOT urgent
- **Is NOT chronic**
- Requires ambulance transport
- Requires an X-ray, not ultrasound or CT scan
- Does NOT require assessment in the Emergency Department
- Is expected to be returned to the aged care home for ongoing care

For example, NOT eligible if:

- Resident is from an SRS (see contact numbers below)
- Case is urgent (send to ED)
- Resident likely to require assessment or admission (arrange as appropriate eg outpatients, sub-acute, acute hospital)
- **Case is non-urgent, but chronic (eg arthritis) & needs routine X-ray/s only (Contact Austin Radiology on numbers cited below)**
- Resident needs non-urgent ultrasound or CT scan.
 - If resident needs ambulance transport contact Austin main campus Radiology on 9496 5092
 - If resident is mobile, not ambulance transported & will not require nursing care contact Austin Repat Radiology on 9496 4163

FEB 2010 update

MARCH 2008 update: Please be clear what X-ray result you can manage yourself back at the aged care home

3.1 GP needs to **COMPLETE Austin Fast Track X-ray Request form (Red)**

This request form has been provided to aged care homes (also available at www.nevdgp.org.au)

- Include **clinical information and instructions** to ED consultant depending on possible X-ray result
- Include your contact details and **preferred method of contact** in case ED consultant needs to discuss X-ray result
- Ensure **"COPY TO"** section is completed with aged care home details including aged care home fax number (This will ensure that **both you AND the aged care home** receive copies of the final report)
- Arrange with aged care home staff that this form goes with the resident

MARCH 2008 update
Please include your Provider No. and address

3.2 Aged care home (ACH) staff will need to

1. organise non-urgent ambulance Ph 1300 366 313 or Fax 1300 366 314
2. complete & fax **Austin Fast Track Radiology Notification and Patient Registration Form** to Fax 9496 3572, and send original with resident
3. **PHONE** Austin ED on Ph 9496 4898 to confirm that fax arrived

MARCH 2008 change
ACH to fax **BOTH** forms to Austin ED on 9496 3572

- **Notification and Patient Registration Form** **AND**
- **Fast Track X-ray Request Form (Red)**

And then send originals of **both** forms with patient

4 Resident attends Austin Fast Track X-ray

- X-ray will be reported by ED consultant
- ED consultant will determine whether resident returns to aged care home (most likely outcome) or whether resident requires ED admission
- This decision will be based on:
 1. GP instructions on X-ray Request form &/or
 2. discussion with GP &/or
 3. ED consultant's own assessment

5 Resident returns to aged care home with X-ray films & report from ED consultant

OR

Resident admitted to Emergency Department

Final report from Austin Radiology will be sent to GP & Aged Care Home within a few days