



Aged Care Home Austin Fast Track X-ray Update May 2008

New & improved *Fast Track Radiology Notification and Patient Registration* form

- **easier to read**
- **includes a space to record the date**
- **added question about what clinical conditions can be managed at the facility.**

Reminders

- Fast track is for patients who are **non-ambulant** (ie cannot travel any way other than by ambulance). The only exception would be an ambulant patient who needs constant supervision eg severe dementia, and has no carer to accompany them.
- If the resident is unwell and cannot be managed at the facility, then **DO NOT SEND TO FAST TRACK, send direct to ED**
- If a Fast Track X-ray shows a significant clinical condition, the ED consultant needs to know whether the GP and facility would prefer to manage/ are able to manage the resident back at the facility with this condition. **It helps the ED consultant if you can include some information regarding what conditions you can manage** (For the aged care home, this can be written in the new space on the improved Notification & Registration form. For the GP this can be included on the X-ray request form). The ED consultant will phone to discuss the situation if there is some uncertainty.
- If you use an **adhesive patient label on the X-ray request form** please ensure it includes the aged care home address, phone and fax! If it doesn't, these details will need to be hand written.
- Please ensure the **X-ray request form is signed by the GP** (If the GP is not on site you can fax the form to the GP who can fax it back. Alternatively, the GP can download the form from www.nevdgp.org.au from the Aged Care Initiative section. A Medical Director template will soon be available)
- If **CT or Ultrasound** is required (non-urgent, non-ambulant) then contact **Austin Radiology** (NOT Repat Radiology) on **9496 5092** to book a time. The GP can write the request on letterhead (as there are no specific request forms for this service). **DO NOT USE FAST TRACK**
- **Please continue to FAX BOTH forms (Notification & Patient Registration form, and the red Austin Health Radiology Request Fast Track X-ray form) to the Austin on 9496 3572 BEFORE sending the patient.** The original forms should accompany the patient.