# **Medical Referral Options in Aged Care**

## LOW TO MEDIUM ACUITY

### **REFERRAL OPTIONS**

- 1. GP
- 2. Residential In-Reach
- 3. Victorian Virtual ED

### **COMMON CONDITIONS**

- Post fall or head injury assessment
- Vomiting, diarrhoea, constipation
- Non-severe pain or discomfort
- Acute confusion or delirium
- Dizziness or near faint



- Fever of unknown cause
- Cellulitis / skin infection
- Urinary infection
- Hypertension





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- Challenging behaviours
- Abnormal blood test results
- Functional decline
- Complex wound

# **PALLIATIVE & END OF LIFE CARE**

### **REFERRAL OPTIONS**

- 1. GP
- 2. Residential In-Reach
- 3. Community Palliative Care Service
- 4. Palliative Care Advice Service
- 5. Victorian Virtual ED

# **HIGH ACUITY**



#### **L**1800 360 000 Available 7-days



#### **CALL TRIPLE ZERO (000)**

If AV staff assess an emergency response is not required they may refer to GP, Residential In-Reach or Victorian Virtual ED either at point-of-call (triage) or when on-scene.

#### Save Triple Zero (000) for Emergencies

**Patient Centred Care** is focused on the resident's values and preferences and supporting their decisions. Informed consent is essential and should come from the resident. When the resident does not have capacity their Advance Care Instructional Directive or Medical Treatment Decision Maker should be consulted.

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