

Appendix A

Mount Beauty Medical Centre & Falls Creek Medical Centre

Practice Protocol for seeking Paediatric advice when caring for an unwell child

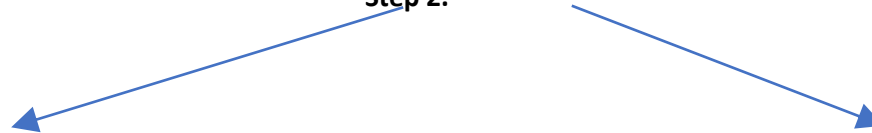
This policy should be used when the doctor initially assessing a child believes they are significantly unwell and requires admission to the Albury Base Hospital Paediatric Ward OR if the assessing doctor is unsure and requires advice about the management of the child

Step 1.

Discuss with, and have child reviewed by, a more senior GP colleague within the practice, if available

If unavailable, or patient requires escalation of care, move to Step 2.

Step 2.



Child requires admission:

- Phone Albury Base Hospital on 02 6058 4444
- Select option number 4 (reception for operator assistance)
- Identify yourself and ask to be put through to the Paediatric Registrar on call
- Once Paediatric Registrar has agreed to see the patient, contact Emergency Department (see below)
- Phone Albury ED Doctor in Charge on 02 6058 4576 and let them know the patient is coming for paediatric review
- Arrange transport either via ambulance or private car, depending on acuity of patient

Uncertain if child requires admission:

During business hours:

- Phone Albury Wodonga Paediatric Group on 02 6051 1222
- Select option number 1 (GP wishing to speak to Paediatrician)
- Identify yourself and ask to be put through to the Paediatrician on call

After hours:

- Phone Albury Base Hospital on 02 6058 4444
- Select option number 4 (reception for operator assistance)
- Identify yourself and ask to be put through to the Paediatric Registrar on call