

Rheumatology Services

**We help with bones, joints,
muscles & inflammation**

We offer treatments that help:

- alleviate pain
- prevent disease progression and joint damage
- maintain and/or improve joint mobility
- promote self-management
- assist with managing other existing medical conditions

Rheumatology Outpatient Services:

We provide care for both adults and children. Clinical care is delivered through our clinics at Canberra Hospital Central Outpatient Clinic and the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children.

Rheumatology Inpatient Services:

The Rheumatology Department also provides inpatient care for our patients who have been admitted to hospital.

Rheumatology Advanced Practice Nurse:

The Advanced Practice Nurse provides clinical care and education as well as coordinating investigations and appointments for patients with inflammatory arthritis undergoing biological Disease-Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs therapy. Referrals to the APN are made by a Rheumatologist.

Referrals:

Referrals to the Rheumatology Department can be made by General Practitioners (GP) and other specialist doctors. Referrals are assessed and triaged within the Department and an appointment is forwarded directly to the patient.

Department:

The Rheumatology Department at Canberra Hospital was established in 1976. Our team treats and supports patients within the ACT and surrounding regional areas.

We are a multidisciplinary team consisting of Rheumatology Specialists, a rotating Advanced Trainee Registrar, Junior Medical Officer, an Advanced Practice Nurse and a Departmental Administrative Assistant.

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Further information on rheumatological conditions and medications can be found at:

www.health.act.gov.au/rheumatology

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