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Adult Intensive Care Bed Finding

With the co-operation of Intensive Care Units, Area Health Services and the Ambulance Service, an adult intensive care patient allocation system operates in situations where the normal referral unit is unable to take the patient. This circular outlines the arrangements for the default intensive care bed finding system.

If difficulty is experienced in locating an appropriate intensive care bed after consultation with the Area's traditional referral intensive care unit(s), or if clinical advice is required, the Medical Retrieval Unit and a duty Medical Retrieval Consultant are available to assist. For adults the contact number is:

1-800-650-004

For neonatal and paediatric referrals or retrievals, referring clinicians should contact NETS on:

1-300-36-2500

Please note that each metropolitan Area Health Service is ultimately responsible for meeting the intensive care needs (except for superspecialty services) of that Area, with the additional responsibility for their linked rural Health Service. A default matrix has been developed to link tertiary referral centres and rural hospitals for adults.

In cases where an appropriate adult intensive care bed is not available the default system may be invoked and this will determine which tertiary centre will receive the patient. The default system will only be used when other options are not possible.

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Please ensure all Directors and Nurse Unit Managers of Intensive Care Units and Emergency Departments are aware of this circular.

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Medical Retrieval Coordination Centre

Default Bedfinding Matrix

In the event of no appropriate bed being available, the Medical Retrieval Coordination Centre will set up a conference call between the referring clinician, the Retrieval Consultant and the intensivist on for the appropriate ICU as detailed below.

This matrix is used only in situations where other referral options are not available and does not preclude referral outside the matrix.

Default Responsibilities for all Non-tertiary Hospitals in Emergency Situations

<u>Referring Hospital</u>	<u>Tertiary Hospital</u>	<u>Referring Hospital</u>	<u>Tertiary Hospital</u>
Albury Base	St Vincents	Bourke	RPAH/Concord
Armidale	John Hunter	Bowral	Liverpool
Ashford	John Hunter	Braidwood	Prince of Wales
Auburn	Westmead	Brewarrina	RPAH/Concord
Ballina	RNSH	Broken Hill	RPAH/Concord
Balmain	RPAH	Bulahdelah	RNSH
Balranald	RPAH/Concord	Bulli	IRH/St George
Bankstown	Liverpool	Bundarra	John Hunter
Baradine	RPAH/Concord	Byron	RNSH
Barham&Koondrook	St Vincents	Camden	Liverpool
Barraba	John Hunter	Campbell/Coraki	RNSH
Batemans Bay	Prince of Wales	Campbelltown	Liverpool
Bathurst	Westmead	Canowindra	Westmead
Batlow	St Vincents	Canterbury	RPAH/Concord
Bega	Prince of Wales	Casino	RNSH
Berrigan	St Vincents	Casino-Bonalbo	RNSH
Bingara	John Hunter	Cessnock	John Hunter
Blacktown	Westmead	Cobar	RPAH/Concord
Blayney	Westmead	Coffs Harbour	RNSH
Blue Mts	Nepean	Collarenebri	RPAH/Concord
Boggabri	John Hunter	Condobolin	Westmead
Bombala	Prince of Wales	Coolah	RPAH/Concord
Boorowa	Prince of Wales	Hawkesbury	Nepean
Cooma	Prince of Wales	Hay	St Vincents
Coonabarabran	RPAH/Concord	Henty	St Vincents
Coonamble	RPAH/Concord	Hillston	St Vincents

<u>Referring Hospital</u>	<u>Tertiary Hospital</u>	<u>Referring Hospital</u>	<u>Tertiary Hospital</u>
Cootamundra	St Vincents	Holbrook	St Vincents
Corowa	St Vincents	Hornsby	RNSH
Cowra	Westmead	Inverell	John Hunter
Crookwell	Prince of Wales	Ivanhoe	RPAH/Concord
Cudal	Westmead	Jerilderie	St Vincents
Culcairn	St Vincents	Junee	St Vincents
Delegate	Prince of Wales	Kiama	IRH/St George
Deniliquin	St Vincents	Kurri Kurri	John Hunter
Dorrigo	RNSH	Kyogle	RNSH
Dubbo Base	RPAH/Concord	Lake Cargelligo	Westmead
Dunedoo	RPAH/Concord	Leeton	St Vincents
Eugowra	Westmead	Lidcombe	Westmead
Fairfield	Liverpool	Lightning Ridge	RPAH/Concord
Finley	St Vincents	Lismore Base	RNSH
Forbes	Westmead	Lithgow	Nepean
Gilgandra	RPAH/Concord	Lockhart	St Vincents
Glen Innes	John Hunter	Macksville	RNSH
Gloucester	RNSH	Maclean	RNSH
Goodooga	RPAH/Concord	Kempsey	RNSH
Gosford Wyong	RNSH	Macquarie	RNSH
Goulburn Base	Liverpool	Maitland	John Hunter
Grafton Base	RNSH	Manilla	John Hunter
Grenfell	Westmead	Manly	RNSH
Griffith	St Vincents	Manning Base Taree	RNSH
Gulgong	RPAH/Concord	Menindee	RPAH/Concord
Gundagai	St Vincents	Merriwa	John Hunter
Gunnedah	John Hunter	Milton&Ulladulla	IRH/St George
Coolamon-Ganmain	St Vincents	Guyra	John Hunter
Mona Vale	RNSH	Molong	Westmead
Moree	John Hunter	Shoalhaven Nowra	IRH/St George
Moruya	Prince of Wales	Singleton	John Hunter
Mosman	RNSH	St Josephs Auburn	Westmead
Mt Druitt	Westmead	St Vincents Lismore	RNSH
Mudgee	RPAH/Concord	Sutherland	St George
Mullumbimby	RNSH	Sydney	Prince of Wales
Murrumburrah-Harden	Prince of Wales	Tamworth Base	John Hunter
Murwillumbah	RNSH	Temora	St Vincents
Muswellbrook	John Hunter	Tibooburra	RPAH/Concord

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Narrabri	John Hunter	Tingha	John Hunter
Narrandera	St Vincents	Tocumwal	St Vincents
Narromine	RPAH/Concord	Tottenham	Westmead
Nepean-Springwood	Nepean	Trangie	RPAH/Concord
Newcastle Mater	John Hunter	Trundle	Westmead
Nyngan	RPAH/Concord	Tullamore	Westmead
Oberon	Nepean	Tumbarumba	St Vincents
Orange Base	Westmead	Tumut	St Vincents
Pambula	Prince of Wales	Tweed Heads	RNSH
Parkes	Westmead	Urana	St Vincents
Port Kembla	St George	Urbenville	RNSH
Port Macquarie	RNSH	Vegetable Ck Emmaville	John Hunter
Portland	Westmead	Wagga Wagga	St Vincents
Pr Albert Tenterfield	John Hunter	Walcha	John Hunter
Queanbeyan	Prince of Wales	Walgett	RPAH/Concord
Quirindi	John Hunter	Warialda	John Hunter
R.Newcstl-Belmont	John Hunter	Warren	RPAH/Concord
Rachel Forster	RPAH	Wauchope	RNSH
Royal Newcastle	John Hunter	Wee Waa	John Hunter
Ryde	RNSH	Wellington	RPAH/Concord
Rylstone	Nepean	Wentworth	RPAH/Concord
Scone	John Hunter		
Shellharbour	IRH/St George		
Werris Ck	John Hunter		
White Cliffs	RPAH/Concord		
Wilcannia	RPAH/Concord		
Wingham	RNSH		
Wyalong	St Vincents		
Yass	Prince of Wales		
Young	Prince of Wales		