

<p>Clinical staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Therapists <p>Lead Therapist – Dale Carroll (Weds, Thurs, Friday)</p> <p>Other Clinic staff: Sherin Kingston (Weds ½ day)</p> <p>Amanda Wangman (Friday 1/2 day) – 6 month rotational</p>	<p>Clinic Contact Details and Hours.</p> <p>Northeast Health Wangaratta (NHW) PO Box 386, Wangaratta, Vic., 3676 Tel: (03) 5722 5555 Fax: (03) 5722 5419 Pager No.: 078</p> <p>Three day per week service (Wednesday to Friday) - 8.30am to 5.00pm</p> <p>Hand Clinic services the Fracture Clinic – Wednesday PM & Friday 1/2 day.</p> <p>Availability for Outpatient Hand Clinic bookings: Wednesday AM, Thursday all day & Friday PM</p>	<p>Hand Clinic <u>External Referrals</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External referrals GP to forward referral containing all relevant medical history <p>Self referrals: Clients who would like to self refer to the clinic can phone the Community Care Centre on 5722 5555 to obtain a Self/Internal Referral for Community Services Form.</p> <p><i>Appointments will be arranged based on Priority Level.</i> <i>Confirmation of receipt of referral will be provided to referrer within one working day.</i></p>	<p>Hand Clinic <u>Internal Referrals (NHW)</u> :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Fracture Clinic, Emergency Department and Inpatient Wards Referrer to complete Hand Clinic Referral form UR12-03. • Other internal referrers: Referrals can be made using either the Hand Clinic Referral Form UR12-03 or the Self/Internal referral for Community Services Form <p><i>Appointments will be arranged based on Priority Level.</i> <i>Confirmation of receipt of referral will be provided to referrer within one working day.</i></p>
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<p>This clinic is staffed by therapists who provide Hand Therapy management of a range of Upper Limb presentations. For patients requiring Medical Management please refer to the appropriate service. The type of conditions serviced in this clinic include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand Fractures, Dislocations and Sprains • Extensor Tendon Injuries • Flexor Tendon Injuries • de Quervains Tendinopathy • Dupuytren’s Fasciectomy • Trigger Finger • Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (pre and/or post operatively) • Crush injuries • Complex Regional Pain Syndrome • Digit replantations/amputations • Arthritis 	<p>Triage Categories/Priority Levels:</p> <p>Priority 1 referrals: within 3 working days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acute referrals including referrals from Fracture Clinic, Emergency Department & Inpatient wards where non-provision of hand therapy services is detrimental to the patient’s outcome, for example an unprotected fracture or tendon repairs. <p>Priority 2 referrals: within 2 weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acute referrals with either pre-admission bookings timed to post-operative protocols ▪ Urgent need presentations (eg pain, swelling, open wound, new trauma,) ▪ Preparation for surgery, ▪ Conservative management prior to surgical decision. <p>Priority 3: within two month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stable/Chronic conditions that were sustained greater than 3 months ago
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