

Leading **C**hange, **A**dding **V**alue:
Rapid **R**esponse **C**ommunity **S**ervice :
An **A**lternative to **H**ospital **S**tay for **A**dmission
Diverted **G**eriatric **P**atients

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Introduction

- **Geriatric patients** –when experience acute symptoms, seeking behavior to attend the Accident and Emergency Departments(AED)
- **About 38% of geriatric patients**(urgent/semi-urgent)- eventually admitted to medical ward through the ED.
- **Rapid Response Community Team(RRCT)**- introduced to supported Cat 3/4 M&T admission diverted geriatric patients during the winter surge period

Objective

- To establish an **alternative clinical care journey** to frail geriatric patients by provision of **3R community service** through “**Hospital at Home**” model (**R**apid discharge planning, **R**apid discharge support and **R**apid intervention)
- To relieve M&T high bed occupancy during winter surge period
- To reduce unplanned readmission

Methodology

AED FRONT DOOR

Rapid Response Community Team Support Cat 3 & 4 Admission Diverted Geriatric Patients

Target patient

Cat 3/4 geriatric patients in AED Corridor with prescribed admit M&T

RRCT liaison nurse

Assess patient's **clinical condition**, **frailty level**, **discharge needs** then determine for **rapid response support**



Rapid Discharge

Hospital At Home Monitoring

RRCT nurses Close Symptoms Monitoring

For AF, Syncope, Dizziness, COPD exacerbation, Heart Failure etc.



Important to ensure diverted geriatric patients' **drug adherence** and **monitor their response** to treatment prescribed by GDF team



Empower early warning symptoms of relapse self-management & Alerting the early symptoms & what to do

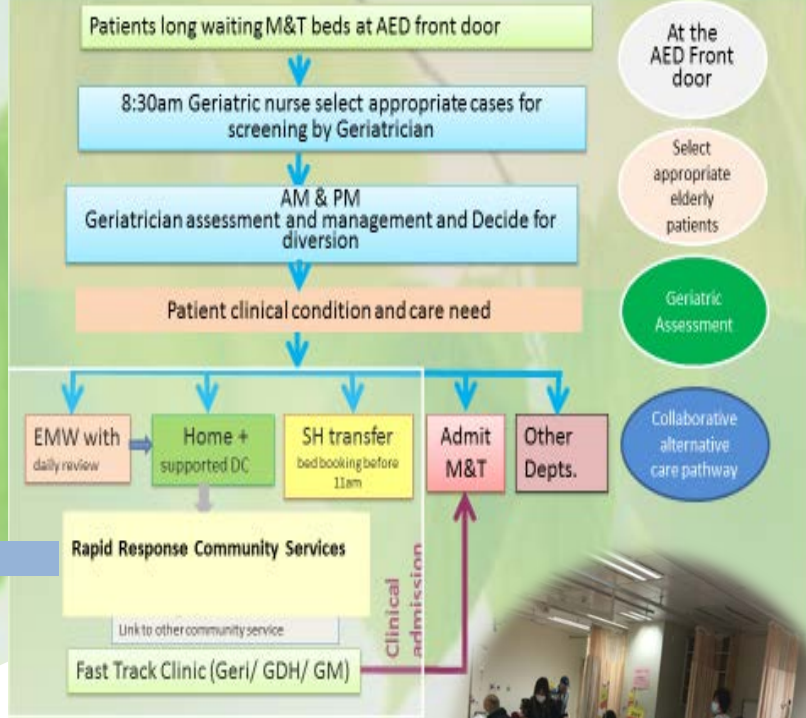


Rapid Discharge Support & Rapid Intervention

Medical support from GFD Lead Geriatrician for clinical issue via phone and Fast Track Clinic support

Diversion Pathway of Geriatric Front Door Team in AED

Workflow of Geriatric Screening at AED Front Door during Winter Surge



Result

Satisfaction Survey for patient or carer:
direct discharge from ED with RRCT support
 2016-17 N=72



Satisfaction
 Acceptability

Item No.	Description	Strongly Agree	Agree	No comment	Slightly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Average
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1	Shorten the long waiting in ED for a hospital bed	30.8%	61.5%	3.8%	3.8%	0.0%	4.19
2	Ensure continuity of care including treatment, nursing care and follow up	38.5%	61.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.38
3	Ensure appropriate care, treatment and support given after discharge back to community	38.5%	61.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.38
4	Reduce the need of urgent care in the ED afterward	19.2%	76.9%	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	4.15
5	Overall, satisfaction towards the Geriatric screening at the ED front door service	46.2%	53.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.46
6	Geriatric screening at the ED front door program should be a regular service	42.3%	46.2%	11.5%	0.0%	0.0%	4.31

Outcome

- Total number of patient admission diverted geriatric patients refer to RRCT : **221 [55 (14-15), 70(15-16) and 96(16-17)**
- The unplanned readmission rate:
14.6% , 11.8 % and 6.9% in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-2017 respectively.
- The relative reduction in unplanned readmission rate in 2016-17 vs 2015-16:
41.5%.
- Acute hospital LOS saved : **950 days**

Adding Value : Rapid Response Community Team 快速外展支援服務

Conclusion

RRCT is

- a new community model to support M&T admission diverted geriatric patients
- effective to provide safe discharge support with good outcome in admission avoidance ;
- improves patient flow along the emergency and community care pathway
- improves patient and relative's satisfaction & experience during RRCT support journey



Acknowledge

Geriatrics at Hospital Front Door and
Rapid Response Community Service



Thank You