



# Inpatient Care of Children At Greymouth Hospital Procedure

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## 1. Purpose

This Procedure outlines the process for the inpatient care of children admitted to the West Coast District Health Board(WCDHB) Greymouth Hospital.

## 2. Application/Responsibilities

This Procedure is to be followed by all WCDHB clinical staff.

## 3. Definitions

For the purposes of this Procedure:

*Children* is taken to mean an individual aged 14 years or younger.

## 4. Responsibilities

For the purposes of this Procedure all *Clinical Staff Members* are required to:

- ensure that they abide by all requirements of this Procedure.

## 5. Resources Required

This Procedure requires no specific resources.

## 6. Process

- 1.00 All children are to be admitted under the care of the acute physician of the day. The physician retains responsibility for the care of the child whilst they are an inpatient at Greymouth Hospital.
- 1.01 There is to be paediatrician input by phone (from Christchurch Hospital) into the care of all children admitted to Greymouth Hospital. The timing of the input is to be at the discretion of the physician.
- 1.02 Where the physician is concerned there should be immediate contact with the duty paediatrician at Christchurch Hospital. This contact is to be consultant to consultant.
- 1.03 If the physician is comfortable with the child's condition the contact can be deferred until the next day.
- 1.04 All children admitted to Greymouth Hospital are to be discussed with the liaison paediatrician the weekday morning following admission regardless of whether there has been acute contact or not. Prior to this, children are to have been assessed by the physician. If the physician prefers to continue to work with the acute paediatrician then this is to be at their (physician) discretion but the liaison paediatrician is to be informed about the condition of the child.
- 1.05 Contact with the paediatrician may be delegated from the physician to a RMO, and the RMO is to convey the results of the discussion to the physician.



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- 1.06 Where the physician has a different opinion to that of the paediatrician the physician is to discuss this directly with the paediatrician.
- 1.07 Where the liaison paediatrician is unavailable (weekends and leave) the daily contact is to be with the duty consultant paediatrician at Christchurch Hospital. It is the responsibility of the physician to ensure that this occurs.

### 7. Precautions And Considerations

- ➔ All children are to be admitted under the care of the acute physician of the day
- ➔ There is to be paediatrician input by phone (from Christchurch Hospital) into the care of all children admitted to Greymouth Hospital
- ➔ Where the liaison paediatrician is unavailable (weekends and leave) the daily contact is to be with the duty consultant paediatrician at Christchurch Hospital.

### 8. References

There are no references associated with this Procedure

### 9. Related Documents

There are no other documents associated with this Procedure.

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