



Flow Chart for Aged Care Homes Austin Fast Track Radiology Service

STEPS

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GP decides that resident needs an X-ray
Is resident eligible for Austin Fast Track X-ray service?
If **YES**, go to step 3 If **NO**, go to step 2

Eligibility Criteria:

- Is a resident of an aged care home
- Is **NOT** critically urgent
- Is NOT chronic**
- Requires ambulance transport
- Requires an X-ray, not ultrasound or CT scan
- Does NOT require assessment in the Emergency Department
- Is expected to be returned to the aged care home for ongoing care

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NOT Eligible

For example, NOT eligible if:

- Resident is from an SRS
- Case is **critically** urgent (send to ED)
- Resident likely to require assessment or admission (arrange as appropriate eg outpatients, sub-acute, acute hospital)
- Case is non-urgent, but chronic (eg arthritis) & needs routine X-ray/s only (Contact Austin Radiology on numbers cited below)**
- Resident needs non-urgent ultrasound or CT scan.
 - If resident needs ambulance transport contact Austin main campus Radiology on 9496 5092
 - If resident is mobile, not ambulance transported & will not require nursing care contact Austin Repeat Radiology on 9496 4163

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YES Eligible for Fast Track X-ray
Complete the following steps:

3.1

PHONE non-urgent ambulance on Ph 1300 366 313 or Fax 1300 366 314 and state that the resident requires "Austin Aged Care Fast-track X-ray"

3.2

COMPLETE and FAX Austin Aged Care Fast Track X-Ray Notification and Patient Registration Form to Austin ED on Fax 9496 3572
Use updated Form dated Oct 2010

Ambulance may want a copy of the Austin Aged Care Fast Track X-Ray Notification and Registration form

3.3

PHONE Austin ED on Ph 9496 4898 to confirm that fax arrived (you do not need to call to book the X-ray)

3.4

GP to COMPLETE Austin Fast Track X-ray Request form (red)

- GP to provide clinical information and instructions
- GP to include Provider No, address, phone & fax numbers
- GP to sign
- GP to ensure aged care home phone & fax numbers are included in "COPY TO" section

3.5

SEND these two completed forms with resident:

- Austin Fast Track X-ray Request form (red)
- Austin Aged Care Fast Track X-Ray Notification and Patient Registration Form (both previously faxed)

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Send resident for Austin Fast Track X-ray in non-urgent ambulance with the two forms

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X-ray will be reported by Radiologist or Radiology Registrar.
Radiologist will determine whether resident returns to aged care home (most likely outcome) or whether resident requires ED admission, in consultation with ED Consultant.

Resident returns to aged care home with X-ray films & report.

OR

Resident admitted to Emergency Department

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Inform GP of result of X-ray

Inform GP of admission