



# The Sutherland Hospital Emergency Department

## Orthopaedic Patients - Information Sheet

Orthopaedic specialists working at Sutherland Hospital see patients in their private rooms. This allows you to make an appointment rather than waiting for long periods on a first-come first-serve hospital clinic. There will be a **payment required on the day of your appointment and the Medicare rebate may not meet all charges** even if you are a pension card holder. Each specialist has a different fee structure and you should ask about this when you make an appointment. If you are worried about the cost of this referral, please see your GP as many fractures can be managed without specialist referral.

- Please take the letter given to you by the emergency department doctor to the specialist appointment.
- If you had an x-ray while in the emergency department, you will need to bring this to the consultation. A copy of your x-ray can be obtained from the Radiology Department. (You should ring them first 9540 7644 to allow time to prepare a copy).
- You may seek a referral from your local doctor ( GP ) to the rooms of any Orthopaedic Surgeon of your choice.

**Orthopaedic Specialists (Sutherland Region):** The on-call orthopaedic surgeon for today is indicated below:

Name	Phone
Dr A Diwan (Spine)	02 9588 9622
Dr M Dixon	02 9525 2055
Dr I Harris	02 9570 1412
Dr H Jones	02 9717 0166
Dr R Sekel	02 9588 6399
Dr Paul Hitchen	02 9524 2177

Dr Y Khatib	4721 4434
Dr Z Szomor	02 9598 6777
Dr S P Tan	02 9524 5888
Dr W Viglione	02 9588 2353
Dr R Molnar	02 9587 4720
Dr A Keeley	02 9587 4720
Dr Balalla	02 9587 4720

If you encounter any difficulties obtaining followup with an orthopaedic specialist relating to your visit to the Emergency Department here at Sutherland, please write to the ED Director and let us know so we can improve our service.