

Minor Injury and Illness Clinic Ripley Satellite Hospital

Important information for GPs to ensure we can provide the best care for your patients, and in the right place

Before sending any patients to the clinic, please call the triage nurse on 3436 3765

The Minor Injury and Illness Clinic IS NOT an Emergency Department (ED)

The clinic's capabilities are similar to a general practice, therefore most referrals from GPs will be better directed to alternate pathways

The Minor Injury and Illness Clinic does not have

- ✗ formal pathology (including troponins)
- ✗ urgent ultrasound and CT capabilities

We treat

- ✓ dehydration requiring IV fluids
- ✓ cellulitis requiring IV antibiotics
- ✓ laceration requiring sutures
- ✓ possible fractures

Presentations often transferred to an ED via ambulance include

- ✗ chest pain
- ✗ acute abdomen needing surgical opinion (e.g. appendicitis)
- ✗ respiratory distress, including in young children

Clinic capacity

The Minor Injury and Illness Clinic is open 8am to 10pm

When we reach our limit, we redirect patients to other services

Presenting to Ripley Satellite Hospital instead of an Emergency Department does not guarantee faster service

Alternative care options

- Ipswich Medicare Urgent Care Clinic (Riverlink North Ipswich) providing bulk-billed urgent care
- Virtual Emergency Care Service: free statewide emergency telehealth assessment and treatment for patients, and advice for GPs
- After-Hours House Call GP

Find more care options in West Moreton: www.ddwmpnh.com.au/findtherightcare

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