

## Service description

### Contact information

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### Personnel

<b>Director of department</b>	Dr Shaun Nugent
<b>Doctors</b>	Dr Shaun Nugent (General Practitioner) Dr Geoff Hardacre (Paediatrician)
<b>Nursing unit manager</b>	Penny Walker

### Other information

The Ambulatory Care Unit at Dubbo Base Hospital is an increasingly busy service providing care to adult and paediatric outpatients, and to patients who would usually require hospital admission for ongoing treatment but have been deemed suitable to safely continue their treatment at home.

Patients will usually attend the Ambulatory Care Unit daily for review and treatment, however if this is not possible nursing staff can attend the patient at their residence (HITH).

Referrals should be sent via Argus or faxed, and the patient should then phone to book an appointment time. Alternatively, a staff member will phone the patient to organise an appointment time.

Patients should reside within a 20km radius of Dubbo if nursing staff are required to attend their residence.

The Ambulatory Care Unit is not a General Practice, therefore patients needing regular prescriptions and pathology requests (particularly for management of chronic conditions) should have these provided by their usual medical practitioner to foster continuity of care.

Our opening hours are:

- Monday to Friday 0730 – 1700 hrs
- Saturday and Sunday 0730 – 1530 hrs (no doctor on weekends)