

Bariatric Specialist Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy Service

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STAGE 1

- Establishment of formal definition of a patient with bariatric needs ✓
- Acquisition of bed & wheelchair scales for ED ✓
- Establishment of BASK (Bariatric Assessment Starter Kit) in ED, containing specialised bariatric equipment and consumables ✓
- Rollout of a local operating procedure for measuring height and weight of patients to identify patients with bariatric needs ✓

STAGE 2

- Review of current equipment pool ✓
- Establishment of a tracking system for equipment (*in progress*)
- Establishment of storage space for equipment (*in progress*)

STAGE 3

- Formal establishment of Team B-A-R-I ✓
- Education of ED staff - measurement process, appropriate documentation and referral pathway to Team B-A-R-I ✓
- Establishment of documentation process on eMR (*in progress*)

STAGE 4

- Implementation of a referral hotline (B-A-R-I or 2274) with clear guidelines for overnight and weekends around the handling and equipment needs of new patients until a formal assessment by the team is performed and care plan established

STAGE 5

- Consultancy service to be replicated in other facilities within Western NSW Local Health District, and supported via Telehealth





Example of changes to ABF with addition of objective measurement and documentation of additional bariatric needs:

Pleural effusion, minor complexity

2.9 day stay

Without bariatric coding \$2.9K

With bariatric coding \$4.4K

Difference \$1.5K

Acute leukaemia, major complexity

15.3 day stay

Without bariatric coding \$6.6K

With bariatric coding \$28.9K

Difference \$22.3K

