

**MAPU ( Medical Assessment and Planning Unit)  
Admission Processes and Criteria.**

**Patients will be accepted into MAPU by the medical registrar for either**

- A) assessment prior to a longer admission in another inpatient area, or
- B) for an inpatient stay if they can be safely discharged within 36 hours.

**MAPU Exclusion Criteria**

The following patients will in general either be assessed in ED or admitted to the ward rather than being admitted to MAPU:

- Oncology or hematology patients
- Known infectious disease patients
- Those with active mental health problems
- Unstable/high acuity patients

**Access to MAPU after ED Initial Assessment**

The following patient groups must have their initial assessment within ED prior to considering admission to MAPU:

- All self referred patients
- All unstable patients (e.g. triage1-2)
- All chest pain presentations
- All presentations resulting from an injury

A patient can then be admitted from ED to MAPU if the patient is:

- Stable
- AND accepted by an inpatient specialty using the MAPU
- AND is likely to be discharged within 36 hours

**Points of Entry to MAPU**

GP referred, medical registrar accepted patients will proceed to MAPU following triage assessment in ED. The exception to this is the patient who has been physically assessed by a general practitioner and is transferred by a WFA paramedic. If the patient is stable en route he/she may be transferred directly to MAPU after confirmation of bed availability.