

OFFICE HOURS

Dr Fletcher's secretary, Vesna, is available between 8:30 AM and 5 PM Monday to Friday.

AFTER HOURS

Because we realise that things happen outside office hours, there is a 24-hour on call mobile phone system for the Metabolic Clinic, which can be accessed directly after hours by patients and doctors by phoning mobile 0417815971 or call the Women's and Children's Hospital switchboard (8161 7000) and ask them to put you through to the Metabolic on call doctor.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The hospital is readily accessed by bus. Travelling from the city, Numbers 222, 182 and 253 stop on King William Road, just opposite the hospital.

CAR PARKING

There is a limited amount of car parking available in the streets around the hospital. Be careful not to overstay, the area is well patrolled by parking inspectors.

Cars displaying a Handicapped sticker may park in either of two marked areas, near the Emergency Department in Kermode Street or in Brougham Place, near King William Road.

There are 2 hospital car parks -

Kermode Street: This car park charges by the hour and **Brougham Place:** This underground car park charges a flat rate of \$10.



Holly Materne aged 2 years has
Glutaric Aciduria Type 1

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The Women's and Children's Hospital
is a smoke-free site

THE METABOLIC CLINIC

*Information for patients
and families*

WELCOME

Here are some details about the services and people of the Metabolic Clinic.

THE METABOLIC CLINIC

Provides a world class service which cares for children (and some adults) who are born with problems caused by missing enzymes, affecting their metabolism, and children whose doctors suspect they might have a problem. The Clinic looks after most of the children in South Australia who have problems picked up on the Newborn Screening Test.

Clinics are held at the Women's and Children's Hospital Paediatric Outpatient department (First Floor Rogerson Building). Adult Clinics are held at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

You should receive a letter with details about the time and place for your appointment. If this time is not suitable, please phone the Clinic to change it.

If this is your first visit, expect to take about an hour. Sometimes blood and urine tests or x-rays will be needed. Please bring your child's Personal Health Record ("blue book"). Details about your family's health will be taken and a family tree will be usually drawn.

You may be seen by a dietitian. If you have been sent a diet diary before your visit, please try to remember to fill it in and bring it with you. This makes it easier to check your child's current diet against his or her needs.

OUR MOTIVATION

We want to make children with metabolic problems as healthy as they can be, treating each child as an individual as well as part of a family and society. We aim to work in partnership with you to provide the best possible care.

THE TEAM

Dr Janice Fletcher FRACP, MBBS (Hons 1) (Sydney), MD (Melbourne), BSc (NSW), Clinical Genetics (HGSA), RACP is the Head of the Metabolic Unit. She is a paediatrician and geneticist with specialist training in metabolic diseases. Dr Fletcher is president of the Australian (ASIEM), and member of the European (SSIEM); professional societies for inborn errors of metabolism. She trained in Sydney and Melbourne before moving to Adelaide to take up this position in 1995.

Dr David Ketteridge FRACP, MBBS (Adelaide) is a Staff Specialist Paediatrician at the Women's and Children's Hospital. He has a long association with the Metabolic Clinic (since 1986). He is also a member of the ASIEM.

Dr Michelle Lipke MBBS, DipPaed is the Metabolic Registrar

Dr Drago Bratkovic MBBS FRACP (Adelaide) is a Visiting Staff Specialist at the Women's and Children's Hospital. He is a Clinical Academic and Paediatrician trained in metabolic medicine and clinical genetics.

Merryn Netting BSc (Flinders) B.Nutrition Dietetics (Flinders,) and **Annabel Sweeney** BSc (Adelaide), Dip Nut Diet (Flinders), both members of ASIEM, are senior dietitians with many years Metabolic Clinic experience.

Dr Jon Jureidini FRANZCP, MBBS (Adelaide), PhD (Flinders) is the Head of the Department of Psychological Medicine at the Women's and Children's Hospital. He brings to our team expertise in psychological support for our patients with chronic illness affecting the children and their families.

Cate Cheetham BA (Hons) (Adelaide), M Psych (Clinical), MAPS is our psychologist who conducts neuropsychological assessments. Cate also provides counselling for some families.

Liz Davies and Peter van der Linden are our Senior Social Workers, who work closely with other team members to ensure you get the support you need through counselling, advocacy and resourcing.

Jenny Nairn RN, RSCN, B.Nursing is our Metabolic Clinic nurse. With her help, tests run smoothly.

Vesna Petiq is secretary to Dr Janice Fletcher and the Metabolic Clinic, and is the first point of contact for patients and medical staff.