

## About us

The Metabolic Clinic provides care for children and adults who are born with problems caused by missing enzymes, which affect their metabolism. The clinic looks after most of the children in South Australia who have abnormalities picked up on their Newborn Screening Test.

Our specialist team is made up of doctors, nurses, dieticians, psychologists and social workers. Together we provide our patients with the best possible care to ensure that children and adults with metabolic problems are as healthy as they can be.

Our team consists of doctors from SA Pathology and health care workers from the Women's and Children's Hospital and Royal Adelaide Hospital.

This brochure outlines the services we provide from our clinic at the Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH).

## Referral to our clinic

You need a referral letter from your doctor to attend the Metabolic Clinic. When you have made an appointment to see us you will receive a confirmation letter. Please note the clinic area as this may change between appointments.

## On your first visit

If your child has not been a patient at the Women's and Children's hospital, you will need to go to the Patient Registration Office in the Paediatric Outpatients Department to complete hospital registration details.

Our clinics are held in the hospital Paediatric Outpatient Department, which is on the first floor of the Rogerson Building.

On your child's first visit a full medical history will be taken and we may also take blood and urine tests or x-rays. You may have also been sent a diet diary, which must be completed and brought with you.

Please bring your Medicare card and your child's Child Health Record (Blue Book).

There are no out of pocket expenses to attend our clinic as all services will be billed to Medicare.

## Our team

**Dr Drago Bratkovic** MBBS FRACP Clinical Genetics (HGSA) Genetic Metabolic Medicine is the Head of the Metabolic Clinic. He is a Paediatrician and has been trained in Clinical Genetics and Metabolic Medicine

**Dr David Ketteridge** MBBS FRACP (member of HGSA) is a Staff Specialist Paediatrician and Metabolic Physician at the Women's and Children's Hospital, and works part time in the Metabolic Clinic. He has been an important part of the Metabolic Clinic since 1986.

**Stephanie Oates** CNS, is the Metabolic Clinic nurse. She has worked in paediatric nursing for more than 20 years and has extensive experience in caring for and supporting patients with metabolic diseases.

**Annabel Sweeney** BSc GDipNutDiet Adv APD and **Ersilia Tassone** BND are the dieticians from the WCH who provide the dietetic care to the patients of the Metabolic Clinic. Between them they have many years of experience, looking after patients with metabolic disorders.

**Karen McCarthy** BSc (Hons), M.Psych (Clinical), MAPS is a clinical psychologist from the WCH, who performs neuropsychological assessments and provides support for families.

**Peter van der Linden** B.Soc.Admin is a Social Worker from the WCH. His role is to assess the impact of living with a metabolic illness and provide support through counselling and access to relevant services.

**Karen Rosewarne** is the Metabolic Secretary, and the first point of contact for patients and families with the Metabolic Clinic. She manages the booking of clinics and appointments.

## Transport and parking

From the city; Buses 222, 209F, 254, 254X and 253X stop on King William Road just opposite the Women's and Children's Hospital.

Limited car parking is available in the streets around the hospital.

There are two hospital car parks via Kermode Street and Brougham Place (fees apply).

## How to contact us

Ph: 8161 7295

8.30am – 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

After Hours: Ph: 0417 815 971

or call the Women's and Children's Hospital on 8161 7000 and ask for the Metabolic on call doctor.

## For more information

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**Women's and Children's Hospital**  
**72 King William Road**  
**North Adelaide SA 5006**

**Ph: 8161 7295**

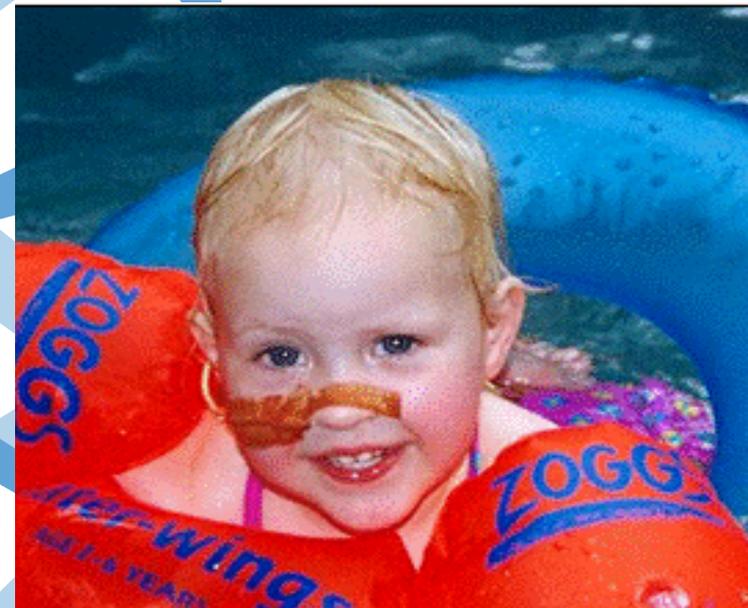
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