



HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE (HD) CLINIC

*A Specialist Ambulatory Clinic
operated by the Academic Unit since 1972*



• Public Transport access

Tram: No. 109 along Cotham Road to outside St. George's Hospital - stop 40 at Normanby Road

Bus: Route 547 & 548 from Latrobe University and Mont Park. Alight at Cnr. Burke Road & Cotham Road and walk or catch Tram No. 109 west along Cotham Road to John Street. Route 624 from Kew to Oakleigh via Chadstone & Holmesglen. Alight at stop on Cnr. John Street & Cotham Road. This bus connects with trains at Auburn Station.

Car: Enter from Normanby Road entrance.

• Ready access to pathology and imaging services

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Background

The HD clinic is a St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) specialist ambulatory clinic founded in 1972 at the Royal Melbourne Hospital by Professor Edmond Chiu, the founding chair of Huntington's Research Group Victoria (HRGV).

With his appointment as professor/Director of the Aged Psychiatry Service at St George's Hospital in 1995, the Clinic moved into its current site.

He has been collaborating with Dr Andrew Churchyard, Dr Phyllis Chua, Dr Nellie Georgiou-Karistianis, Associate Professor Krishna Vaddadi, Professor Meg Morris and other research workers in Huntington's disease.

HD Clinic has been provided services for:

- People with Huntington's disease
- Family members & Carers
- General practitioners
- HD Community

Referrals

The Huntington's Disease Clinic is run by Professor Edmond Chiu at Normanby Unit at the St Georges campus of St Vincent's Hospital fortnightly on Mondays.

In addition to Professor Chiu's psychiatric/counselling service a monthly Neurology clinic is run by Dr Andrew Churchyard on Mondays.

Referrals to the HD Clinic can be made by:

- General Practitioners
- Huntington's Victoria
- Genetic Service
- Community Services
- Australian Huntington's Disease Association (AHDA) (Interstate)

Appointments can be made by telephone or fax:

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To facilitate support services from the Huntington's Victoria, clinician from Huntington's Victoria is present at these clinics.

HD Clinic is part of the Community based Ambulatory Care Service provided by the Academic Unit

The HD clinic is a community-based Service, offering Psychiatric, Counselling, and Neurology Services, specialist assessment and management advice, close monitoring and follow-up, family involvement and education through collaborative partnerships with many organisations. Over the past thirty years of service, the clinic has continually developed and advanced its quality of care and the responsiveness of services, increasing the clinic's reputation as a centre of excellence, with state-wide and interstate registered patients. In particular, we have strengthened our close collaborative ties with Huntington's Victoria (HV), the Genetic Health Services, the Australian Huntington's Disease Association (AHDA). The clinic also gives the HD community the opportunity to participate in local and international research and trials of medications for Huntington's disease, which participants find valuable and empowering.

HD Clinic Activities

Diagnosis, Advice and Management

- Diagnosis
- Consultation after predictive testing
- Psychosocial and psychiatric assessment
- Neurological service
- Education & advice for patient, family, carers & community services
- Liaison with Huntington's Victoria and AHDA - Community Support, Social Support, Residential Services etc.
- Management, pharmacological treatment & advice to GP's and Residential Care providers

Feedback

- Written report to General Practitioner
- Telephone communication & advice to GP's and Health Care professionals from anywhere in Australia

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