ACUTE CARE OF THE ELDERLY (ACE)
HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

ADMISSION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

These criteria are attached to the patient notes in the Emergency Department

- Age generally over 65 years, although younger patients may be accepted due to pre-existing medical co-morbidities.
- Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander people over 55 years of age.
- Acutely ill patients needing general medical or specialist medical management.
- Patients who have pre-existing co-morbidities.
- Patients who are at risk of functional decline while in hospital.
- Patients who have experienced functional decline in the two weeks prior to presentation at Emergency Department.

WHEN ADMITTING TO THE ACE WARD

The Pre-admission Assessment and Discharge Planning Form must be completed as this assists with the correct ward allocation.

INELIGIBLE

- Patients who are at the end stage of palliative care
- Patients who are residents of nursing homes
- Patients who are non-ambulant i.e. have been bed bound for the previous month.