

### **RDNS Hospital Liaison Service**

The role of RDNS Liaison nurses is to work with and on behalf of hospital in-patients who will require on-going nursing care from RDNS after they have been discharged from hospital.

RDNS District Nurse Liaison staff are located at many public hospitals and sub acute facilities across metropolitan Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula.

The District Nurse Liaison undertakes a community focussed nursing assessment of a patient's home nursing needs, while the patient is still in hospital. A discharge plan, including eligibility for program funding, is then discussed in collaboration with the Health Team.

The RDNS District Nurse Liaison will:

- Schedule the home visit appointments
- Organise Interpreters if required
- Plan for required equipment and supplies
- Assist with planning other community services if relevant

The key objective of Liaison nurses is to facilitate a patient's seamless transfer from the hospital environment to the home environment.

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