



## Palmerston Regional Hospital Top End Health Service

# Greater access for older people who need complex rehabilitative care

### Palmerston Regional Hospital's Geriatric Evaluation and Management Service

Palmerston Regional Hospital is planned to open in July 2018 and will operate as a campus of Royal Darwin Hospital.

Patient and staff safety is central to everything we do and that is why we are taking a careful and considered approach to opening services to the public.

Like many other hospital openings in Australia, our services will open gradually and increase over time.

Palmerston Regional Hospital will provide services designed to improve the quality of life and mobility for older and frailer people who have been affected by serious illness or injury.

We call this our geriatric evaluation and management (GEM) service.

GEM involves early identification of patients who would benefit from services which reduce the need for patients to stay in Royal Darwin Hospital longer than they need to, and prevents readmittance into hospital after discharge.

This includes short-term inpatient and outreach rehabilitation, by a team of doctors, nurses and allied health staff.

Palmerston Regional Hospital will be the NT's primary hospital specialising in this kind of care.



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[www.palmerstonregionalhospital.nt.gov.au](http://www.palmerstonregionalhospital.nt.gov.au)

 NT Health

**Our inpatient services will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Nurses will be onsite at all times, with medical, allied health and support staff available during standard business hours.**

**Working together with Royal Darwin Hospital**

Royal Darwin Hospital will remain the Top End's only tertiary referral hospital. It will continue to specialise in major emergency and complex trauma care.

When it opens, Palmerston Regional Hospital will help Royal Darwin Hospital by providing it with the capacity to expand its focus on providing critical, complex and specialist care.

**Opening day services**

GEM services from Royal Darwin Hospital will be transferred across to Palmerston Regional Hospital, and the hospital will open with 16 inpatient beds, in addition to providing consultation and outpatient services.

**Expansion services**

Over the first 12 months, services will expand to accommodate 24 inpatients.