

Additional Information to be Obtained from the Primary Health Care Provider

Ideally, the following information should be obtained from the primary health care provider (GP, ACCHS/AMS) by the Perioperative Service:

Data/Information from the Primary Health Care Provider
Patient identifiers, including name, date of birth
Was the primary health care provider involved in completing the patient health questionnaire?
If yes, were the answers accurate?
A Health Summary
Other specialists currently caring for the patient and copies of the recent letter/s from the patient's specialists
Current medications
Recent test results e.g. chest x-rays, serum chemistry, HbA1c for Diabetes, haemoglobin/ferritin and Thyroid Function tests
Copies of investigations that have been done, especially the most recent Cardiac Echocardiogram, Stress Test/s, Coronary Angiogram
Past procedures, within a set timeframe (as requested by the Perioperative Service)
Details of any anaesthetic complications the patient may have had
Details of any allergy testing that might have been done
Control/stability of major chronic medical problems, e.g. Diabetes, hypertension, chronic pain
Details of cognitive impairment including past episodes of delirium
An assessment of the patient's general mobility and functional ability
Any non-medical needs of the patient, including caring for another person, the need for a professional interpreter, social worker, Aboriginal hospital liaison service etc
Name of the practitioner, practice and contact details

The primary health care provider should be given one point of contact within the Perioperative Service for providing this information and to discuss any matters relating to the patient's planned perioperative journey.