

Emergency department (ED) factsheets provide condition-specific health and medical information for people attending the ED. They are designed to assist communication between ED clinicians and patients and/or carers.

Notes can be made on the factsheets by the clinician, patient and/or carer, to personalise the information.

Factsheets marked with a * have been translated into six languages (Arabic, Greek, Italian, Mandarin, Turkish, Vietnamese).

All factsheets can be downloaded and printed directly from the website at www.health.vic.gov.au/edfactsheets in PDF and Word formats.

If you have any questions on the factsheets, please phone the Emergency Care Improvement and Innovation Clinical Network on 9096 0578 or email edfactsheets@health.vic.gov.au

History of the ED factsheets

The ED factsheets are based on resources developed by Dr Caroline Christie of the InformED Program (2003).

Since their development, the ED factsheets have been reviewed in 2008 and 2010 in consultation with clinical experts across Victorian emergency departments and consumer testing.

Adult

1. Arthritis and gout
2. Bleeding in early pregnancy
3. Cystitis in women
4. Irregular bleeding
5. Miscarriage

Child

1. Abdominal pain in children
2. Accidental poisoning in children
3. Asthma in children
4. Breath holding in children
5. Bronchiolitis in children
6. Constipation in children
7. Croup
8. Crutches for children
9. Ear infection in children
10. Febrile convulsions in children
11. Fever in children*
12. Gastroenteritis in children*
13. Nosebleeds in children
14. Viral illness in children*
15. When your child is in pain

General

1. Abdominal pain*
2. Anxiety disorders
3. Ankle sprains
4. Asthma*
5. Bells palsy
6. Bites and stings
7. Care of open wounds, cuts and grazes*
8. Cellulitis
9. Chest infections
10. Chest pain*
11. Colds and flu*
12. Constipation

13. Depression
14. Drug overdose
15. Earwax
16. Eye injury (Flash burns)
17. Eye injury (Foreign body)
18. Fainting and collapse
19. Fractures and plaster care
20. Gastritis
21. Gastroenteritis*
22. Hives
23. Knee injuries
24. Kidney stones
25. Lower back pain
26. Migraine*
27. Minor head injury*
28. Nosebleeds (Epistaxis)
29. Otitis externa (Swimmer's ear)
30. Seizures
31. Soft tissue injuries (Sprains and strains)*
32. Tension headache
33. Tonsillitis
34. Urinary tract infections*
35. Using crutches
36. Vertigo (BPPV)
37. When a loved one dies

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- Arabic
- Greek
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- Mandarin
- Turkish
- Vietnamese

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