Ryan's Rule

for all patients, families and carers

Use Ryan's Rule to get help when you are concerned about a patient in hospital who is getting worse, not doing as well as expected, or not improving.

Who can call: patients, families or carers.



Follow these steps to raise your concerns.

Step 1

Talk to a nurse or doctor about your concerns.

If you are not satisfied with the response.

Step 2

Talk to the nurse in charge of the shift.

If you are not satisfied with the response.

Step 3

Phone 13 Health (13 43 25 84)

or ask a nurse or a Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Support Person and they will call on your behalf.

Request a Ryan's Rule Clinical Review and provide the following information:

- hospital name
- patient's name
- ward, bed number (if known)
- your contact number.

A Ryan's Rule nurse or doctor will review the patient and assist.

If you have feedback or a complaint, please speak with the nurse in charge or ask for a feedback form.

For more information, speak with your nurse or your Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Support Person.





