

STATE-WIDE RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE REGISTER & CONTROL PROGRAM QUEENSLAND



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In Queensland Acute Rheumatic Fever (ARF) is a communicable and notifiable disease. Both new and recurrent episodes of ARF, confirmed or suspected, must be notified to the Population Health unit in your area.

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Notification

- All new and recurrent episodes of Acute Rheumatic Fever (ARF) **must be notified to the Population Health Unit (PHU)** in your area. This is for confirmed and **SUSPECTED** cases.
- The PHU will ensure entry on the **NoCS database** (Notifiable Conditions System)
- Notification direct to NoCS from the health care provider is acceptable too
- A **public health nurse or the RHD coordinator** will get in touch to discuss tests and results
- The patients details are then entered on the centralised **RHD Register**

What's the difference between NoCS and the RHD register?

NoCS

- is a notification database for many communicable diseases
- contains data on the acute rheumatic fever episode, not on the resultant rheumatic heart disease (RHD).
- is not used as a disease management or recall system

RHD Register

- contains data on the acute phase as well as any resultant rheumatic heart disease issues
- is a disease management and recall system

Clinical Benefits of a centralised register

The district RHD CNC/Coordinators have access to all ARF/RHD in their area.

The coordinators are a valuable first point of contact for a wide range of issues;

- Assist with the treatment of 4-weekly LA bicillin injections
 - Patient recall lists; who's due/ overdue
 - Details on patient location
 - Adherence information
 - Incidence and prevalence data
- Specialist recall (as per Chronic Disease Guidelines)
 - Medical officer
 - Dentist
 - Cardiologist
 - Paediatrician or specialist physician
 - Review of multidisciplinary care plan

• Education

- Patient education
- Clinician education

• Cross border registration

• Data

Data collected on the register complies with the minimum dataset as determined by the National Heart Foundation and the Cardiac Society of Australia.

The highest documented rates of ARF and RHD in the world are in Indigenous Australians, between the ages of 5 and 15

Thank you
for your
feedback &
suggestions

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