What it means to be a Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) card holder

If you hold a **Gold Repatriation Health Card**, you will be treated at no charge for all conditions covered by Medicare.

If you hold a **White Repatriation Health Card**, you will be treated at no charge for conditions, covered by Medicare, which DVA has accepted as service related.

Hospital staff will contact DVA to confirm what hospital care you are covered for. If you are not DVA eligible for your admission, you will need to make an election to be treated as a public or a private patient.

As a DVA card holder, you will have the following benefits:

**Specialist care**

If you need a planned or booked procedure, you may choose the Specialist Doctor who will treat and care for you during your stay.

If you are admitted via the Emergency Department (ED), you will initially be under the care of the on-call Specialist Doctor best suited to your condition. You may choose to be transferred to the care of the doctor who has previously treated you for the same condition.

**Follow-up care**

After you leave the hospital, your Specialist Doctor usually provides follow-up care in their private rooms.

As a DVA patient, you may also be eligible to transfer to a private hospital for further treatment or follow-up care.

If you have any questions regarding your admission, please talk to your local private patient or patient liaison officer.