

Managing non-fatal strangulation in the emergency department

Summary This Information Bulletin advises local health districts and specialty health networks of the publication of the clinical practice guide 'Managing non-fatal strangulation in the emergency department'.

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PURPOSE

This Information Bulletin advises local health districts and specialty health networks of the publication of the Agency for Clinical Innovation Clinical Practice Guide [Managing non-fatal strangulation in the emergency department](#).

The Clinical Practice Guide outlines the necessary assessment and clinical management of non-fatal strangulation, including medical imaging for patients presenting with non-fatal strangulation and mandatory reporting requirements along with addressing the psychosocial factors that need to be addressed as part of care in the emergency department.

KEY INFORMATION

The Clinical Practice Guide *Managing non-fatal strangulation in the emergency department* provides clinical support to those managing adult and paediatric patients presenting to the emergency department with non-fatal strangulation.

The Clinical Practice Guide has been developed to improve patient care by increasing healthcare workers' awareness of the potential risks and injuries resulting from non-fatal strangulation, and by outlining appropriate assessment and management or care coordination of an episode of non-fatal strangulation.

The Clinical Practice Guide emphasises the importance of follow up for people who have experienced non-fatal strangulation who are a population at high risk of poor outcomes.

The Clinical Practice Guide is supported by the [Non-fatal strangulation facility contact list](#) which is a document for facilities to populate with psychosocial support services, referral pathways, specialist advice and employee support details for staff.