

Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine Unit Service Profile

Department Facility	Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine Unit Westmead Centre for Oral Health, Sydney West Area Health Service
Telephone number(s)	(02) 9845 7834
Facsimile number(s)	(02) 9845 8370
Email address(es)	N/A
Appointment Contact Details	Appointment only after receipt of a referral from your doctor/dentist.
Hours of Service	0800 – 1700 Hrs Monday to Friday On-Call Consultant Services 24 Hrs/day 7 days/week.
Location/s Postal Address	Oral Medicine – Level 3, Westmead Centre for Oral Health, Westmead Hospital PO Box 533, Wentworthville NSW 2145

Service Outline:

The Westmead Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine Unit provides tertiary referral diagnostic and clinical services to the state of NSW. The Westmead Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine Unit is the pre-eminent centre for the clinical education and training in clinical oral medicine/pathology (both in-patient and out-patient services), diagnostic histopathology and dento-maxillo-facial radiology.

The discipline of Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine is concerned with the clinical diagnosis, assessment, and principally non-surgical, that is the pharmacological management of pain, and disturbances to the special senses of taste and touch, pathological conditions, and diseases of the dental, oral and adjacent anatomical structures and the dental/oral manifestations and complications of systemic diseases, pathology and conditions and their treatment. Clinical practice encompasses the broad spectrum of head and neck pathology, but is generally focused on diseases of the adjacent dento-maxillo-facial complex, particularly the oral mucosa and adjacent mucosal tissues.

A component of dental treatment planning, and treatment delivery for severely medically-compromised patients, undertaken in conjunction with other specialty medical and surgical disciplines and units, is included in the sphere of oral medicine clinical practice.

Who this service is provided to:

- Patients with any form of mouth/oral lesion or disease
- Suspected cases of mouth/oral cancer and pre-cancerous conditions
- Patients with complex oro-facial pain whose cause has defied explanation and treatment of the normal causes of oral and dental pain
- Patients with radiographic abnormalities of the jaws
- Patients with extensive or complex medical conditions, who are better, or for their safety are best to have their dental treatment in the hospital environment (for example haemophiliacs, post organ and bone marrow transplant recipients, and patients who have had radiotherapy treatment to the head and neck region)

After receipt of a referral, that has been assessed, all patients are usually contacted and advised of their appointment date. Both health care-card holders and private patients, that is patients who do not possess any type of benefits card are seen, but private patients will be billed.

How to make an appointment:

Patients are normally contacted by the Unit staff and advised by either mail or telephone of their appointment.

Staffing:

A/Professor Hedley Coleman	Staff Specialist Oral Pathologist
Dr Anastasia Georgiou BDS MDSc FRACDS	Staff Specialist, (& Clinical Lecturer)
Dr Mark Schifter BDS MDSc FRACDS (Oral Med) FFD RCSI (Oral Med)	Staff Specialist, and Head of Unit (& Clinical Senior Lecturer)
A/Professor Hans Zoellner BDS, PhD	Head of Discipline, Oral Pathology & Hon. Staff Specialist

Related Services:

Specialty Clinics

- Biopsy Clinic
- Laser Clinic
- Medically-Complex Clinic
- Xerostomia Clinic

Related Services

- Liverpool Hospital
- Sydney Dental Hospital
- Skin and Cancer Foundation Australia (SCFA)

Related Hospital Services

- Department of Anatomical Pathology, ICPMR
- Head and Neck Oncology Clinic, Department of Radiation Oncology, Westmead Hospital
- Westmead Blood and Bone Marrow Transplant Service

Transport, Parking, Access:

Click [here](#) and outline Public Transport Services / Parking Facilities / Wheelchair Access etc

Contact Details:

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Dr Mark Schifter	Staff Specialist Oral Medicine	(02) 9845 7834	
A/Prof Hans Zoellner	Head of Discipline, Oral Pathology	(02) 9845 7982	

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What We Do; About this service; Specific programs; Research Projects; Clinic details; Services provided include:

ⁱⁱ Summary of the type of person best served by this service

ⁱⁱⁱ Best method of contacting the service

^{iv} Staffing levels/key staff

^v Name of associated service to whom the client may be next referred

^{vi} Outline Public Transport Services / Parking Facilities / Wheelchair Access