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CLINICS

The Health Department sees the need for local requirements for non-inpatient services as being
determined by Area Health Service and District Health Service Boards. The following guidelines are
suggested:

- Casualty Services for emergencies;
- The provision of primary care facilities should be considered especially in areas where such
  services are difficult to obtain after hours and on weekends;
- Consultative Clinics in specialists areas should be available for referral of hospital patients and
  those patients mentioned in the above points;
- Special attention needs to be given to those clinics whose services are dependent upon
  specialised staff, equipment and facilities only available at hospitals;
- Discussion between the hospital, the Area/District and where appropriate the University or
  other teaching institution, should determine the need for clinics (including referral clinics in
  general medicine and surgery) necessary for the teaching of medical and other students.

HEARING CLINICS 1.7.5.2

Clinics have been established within public hospitals which have been variously titled “Hearing
Clinics”, “Audiology Clinics”, “Audiometry Clinics”, etc.

The Department is concerned that there be uniformity in this matter and considers that the appropriate
title for these clinics is “Hearing Clinics”. These clinics should be a sub-section of the Ear Nose and
Throat Department of the Hospital and should be conducted under the general supervision of a
qualified Ear Nose and Throat Surgeon.

Associated with the name of the clinic are the titles to be used by persons employed in the clinics and
in this regard the Department requests that the following be adopted:

(a) ‘Audiologist’ (non-medical) to be applied only to persons trained at tertiary level with an
appropriate University Degree, e.g. at present in Sydney the only method of special training
available to satisfy this requirement is for individuals with University degrees in Psychology to
undertake a one year Post-Graduate training offered by the Commonwealth Acoustics
Laboratories.

(b) ‘Audiometrician’ or ‘Audiometrist’ - to be applied to persons with some technical training
(e.g. Audiometrician Course at Sydney Technical College).