

The Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Service

The Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Service (AYACS) is a service that seeks to provide support for 12 to 24 year olds with cancer. This service is also extended to whanau/ family, nurses, doctors and organisations that are involved with youth cancer.

Its aims:

- To reduce the time it takes to find out the young person has cancer
- To improve their treatment experience and ultimately their ongoing quality of life
- To support young people with cancer, especially those who have poorer access to health care or are less familiar with the healthcare system
- To help them achieve the best possible treatment outcome.

Who works for the Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Service?

A clinical nurse specialist who supports the young person and their family/ whanau while they are in hospital and when they return back to their community.

The nurse ensures that health services work together in the best interest of the young person, both in hospital and in their own community areas.

Where:

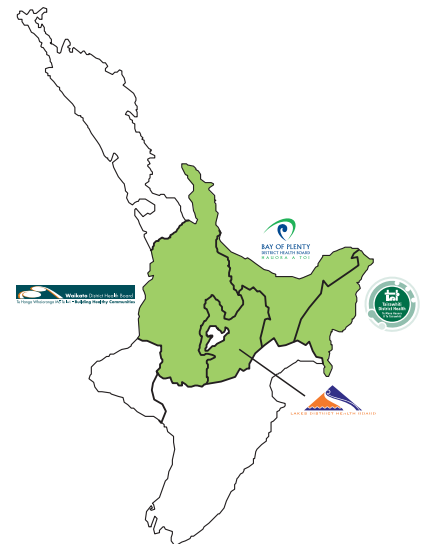
The service supports young people and their families who live in the Midland region (see map).

Young people under 15 years of age are referred to Starship, and when home, their care is shared between Starship and their local hospital.

Young people over 15 years of age remain under the care of the Regional Cancer Centre here at Waikato Hospital and their care is shared with their local hospital.

Midland Region

The Midland Region includes Lakes, Bay of Plenty, Tairāwhiti and Waikato District Health Boards.



How do you access the service?

If you are in hospital or attending a clinic, ask staff member to make a referral.

Or you can self-refer by phoning:

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(07) 839 8899 ext 95643
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Monday – Friday, 8am – 4:30pm