

# Acute Presentations Related to Methamphetamine Use: Clinical Guideline for Adults and Adolescents

*This resource is by Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia (DASSA).*

*This guideline concerns best practice management of patients presenting to Emergency Departments or equivalent settings with behaviours or medical conditions related to methamphetamine use.*



**Summary:** This guideline aims to promote best practice management of patients presenting to Emergency Departments or equivalent settings with disturbed behaviour or medical conditions which are probably related to the use of **methamphetamine** or related substances. Specifically, the guideline includes recommendations regarding:

- Acute behavioural disturbance
- Potential medical complications related to methamphetamine
- Methamphetamine **withdrawal**
- Methamphetamine-induced **psychosis**
- Post-acute management
- Safety, quality and risk management

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**Evidence base:** This resource has undergone expert review. Refer to the guideline for the full reference list.

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