

# Missing ED Patient

Patient identified as missing



Attempt to phone patient to clarify situation



Vulnerable adult/detention under mental health act/adult with incapacity?

YES



Immediate threat to self or others

YES



Urgent medical treatment indicated (review outstanding investigations)

YES



Historical markers/alerts

YES



Indwelling central venous catheter/arterial line/chest drain

YES



Nurse in charge/Consultant in charge review

Consider contacting police to return patient.

Detention under mental health act may be necessary to return patient

The police may clarify further information with the nurse or consultant in charge  
Documentation of final decision on ED card is essential.

**Check outstanding investigation results**