



Thinking of referring a patient to a specialist in a public hospital?

Check the DHHS Statewide Referral Criteria

Referral
Perform diagnostic and refer patient to public hospital

In practice
Manage in general practice, supported by SEMPHN online care pathways

Right care

Assessment against statewide referral criteria begins

1 November 2019 for:

1 February 2020 for:



ENT



Vascular



Urology



Neurology



Gynaecology



Gastroenterology



Referring to a public specialist clinic in Victoria?

New statewide referral criteria from 1 November 2019

WHAT: Statewide specialist clinic referral criteria (SRC) have been developed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in consultation with specialists and GPs, for selected core conditions within the following six specialties: ENT, Vascular, Urology, Neurology, Gynaecology and Gastroenterology.

WHY: Health services often have different referral guidelines for specialist clinics.

Statewide referral criteria provide clear guidance to referring clinicians about which patients will be seen in specialist clinics and what investigations are required to support safe and appropriate triage.

Statewide referral criteria are shared by all Victorian hospitals, making referral less complex and more equitable.

WHERE: The new statewide referral criteria, and related clinical and referral pathways, are now available across all Victorian **HealthPathways websites** (or equivalent). Alternatively, the SRC can be viewed on the official DHHS website at src.health.vic.gov.au

WHEN: **From 1 November 2019** all Victorian public hospitals will be expected to assess new adult referrals for ENT, Vascular and Urology against the statewide referral criteria.

From 1 February 2020 new referrals for Neurology, Gynaecology and Gastroenterology will also be assessed against the statewide referral criteria.

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