



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

Check the Department of Health's 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 May 2021 for:



Cardiology



Endocrinology



Obstetrics



Ophthalmology



Rheumatology



Referring to a public specialist clinic in Victoria?

New statewide referral criteria from 1 May 2021

WHAT: Statewide specialist clinic referral criteria (SRC) have been developed by the Department of Health (DH) in consultation with specialists and GPs, for select core conditions within a number of specialties.

Statewide referral criteria is now in effect for ENT, Vascular, Urology, Gastroenterology, Gynaecology and Neurology.

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 DH website at src.health.vic.gov.au

WHEN: **From 1 May 2021** all Victorian public hospitals are currently expected to assess new adult referrals for **Cardiology, Endocrinology, Obstetrics, Ophthalmology and Rheumatology** against the statewide referral criteria.

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