

REFERRAL GUIDELINES

CHRONIC WOUND CLINIC

Head of Unit: DR Anjali Khushi

Referrals: Referral addressed to named head of unit is preferred.
GP Referral Template located within the Mastercare Referralnet system is the preferred referral tool.
For faxed referrals : **fax 9784 2309**

Clinic overview:

The Chronic Wound Clinic (CWC) is staffed by Geriatrician and Specialised Wound Nurse Consultant. Clients with wounds that have been present for more than 4 weeks are eligible to utilise the services offered by this clinic. A comprehensive wound assessment is conducted and the patient is provided with a comprehensive management plan and follow up.

Categories for Appointment

	Clinical Description	Timeframe for Appt
Category 1 Urgent	Non-Healing wound that is increasing in size/depth/exudate	1-2 weeks
Category 2 Routine	Non-Healing wound with no reduction in size/depth	Within one month
Emergency	Severe infection with systemic features (eg. Febrile, septic)	Immediately via Emergency Department

Eligibility Criteria

Clients with wounds that have been present for more than 4 weeks
Patients must live with Peninsula Health catchment area

Exclusions

Wounds less than 4 weeks duration

Alternative referral options

- High risk foot clinic
 - only review wounds below the ankle
- Infectious Diseases Clinic
 - If Buruli ulcer confirmed
 - Wound Clinic is happy to offer wound management even if

IMPORTANT:

The following referral information is mandatory:

Referral:

- Date of referral
- Speciality
- Referring practitioner name
- Provider Number
- Referrer's signature

Patient Demographic:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Postal address
- Contact numbers
- Medicare Number

Clinical:

- Reason for referral
- Duration of symptoms
- Management to date
- Past medical history
- Current medications
- Allergies
- Diagnostics as per referral guidelines

Preferred:

- Addressed to named practitioner
- Duration of referral (if different to standard referral validity)
- Next of kin

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patient is under ID for antibiotics regime

- Consider referral to plastic surgery if surgery likely.

Minimum Referral Information Required

Please note, referral cannot be processed if minimum information is missing)

- Referring practitioner name, provider number and signature.
- Date of referral
- Patient's name, address, date of birth, Medicare number and phone number.
- Clinical details and reason for referral
- Relevant medical history
- Medications
- Allergies
- Results of all recent and relevant investigation
- Current dressing plan
- Vascular studies/ultrasound if available
- Wound swab results if available

Clinic information

- Tuesdays
- Location: The Mornington Centre, 24 Separation Street, Mornington 3931
- Contact details: **Phone: 1300 665 781 (Access)**
Fax: 9784 2309
- Referral – refer via Access
- Please see below for what to include in a referral letter/Access form (available from Peninsula Health website)
<https://www.peninsulahealth.org.au/access-referrals/>
- Cost
There is a \$10 cost to attend the clinic. We provide most wound dressing products used on the day of the appointment. Client will need to purchase wound dressing products for ongoing use.

Please Note; The referral should not be given to the patient to arrange an appointment. No appointments can be made over the phone. Once a referral has been received the patient is notified by mail of the date and time of her appointment.

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