

REFERRAL GUIDELINES

CHRONIC WOUND CLINIC

Head of Unit: Dr Anjali Khushu

Referrals: Referral addressed to named head of unit is preferred and addressed to Chronic Wound Clinic, The Mornington Centre, 24 Separation Street, Mornington

Referral via ACCESS
Phone: 1300 665 781
ACCESS Fax: 9784 2309

ACCESS Referral Form preferred

Clinic overview:

The Chronic Wound Clinic (CWC) is staffed by geriatricians and specialised wound nurse consultants.

Clients with wounds that have not progressed through the stages of healing normally 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 (e.g. Febrile, septic)	Immediately via Emergency Department

Eligibility Criteria

Clients with wounds that have not progressed through the stages of healing normally.

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- 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
- ✓ Current dressing plan
- ✓ Vascular studies/ultrasound if available
- ✓ Wound swab results if available
- ✓ Pathology results if available

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<p>Exclusions</p> <p>Wounds that are on track for healing. Foot wounds that need input from Podiatry</p>
<p>Alternative referral options</p> <p>High risk foot clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ only review wounds below the ankle <p>Infectious Diseases Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If Buruli ulcer confirmed ○ Wound Clinic is happy to offer wound management even if patient is under ID for antibiotics regime <p>Consider referral to plastic surgery if surgery likely.</p>
<p>Minimum Referral Information Required Please note, referral cannot be processed if minimum information is missing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Current dressing plan ✓ Vascular studies/ultrasound if available ✓ Wound swab results if available ✓ Pathology results if available
<p>Clinic information</p> <p>Operates on Tuesdays Location: The Mornington Centre, 24 Separation Street, Mornington 3931 Contact details: 5976 9167 (Tuesdays) or Access 1300 665 781 Fax: 9784 2309</p>

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Referral: via Access.

Access Referral form (available from Peninsula Health website)

<https://www.peninsulahealth.org.au/access-referrals/>

Note: Access referrals must be accompanied by a signed GP referral letter as this is an MBS-funded clinic. Please refer to required information (listed in sidebar)

Cost: There is a \$20 cost to attend the clinic. We provide most wound dressing products used on the day of the appointment. Clients 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. Once a referral has been received the patient will be contacted by the Chronic Wound Clinic administration staff.

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