

General Surgery		
Categories for Appointment		
	Clinical description	Timeframe for Appointment
Category 1 - Urgent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact on call registrar for urgent presentations, via switch on 9784 7777</li> </ul>	As per triage 1-2 weeks
Category 2 - Routine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hernia repairs – epigastric, inguinal, incisional, umbilical</li> <li>Cholecystectomy</li> </ul>	2-8 weeks
Emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients with signs and symptoms requiring emergency review</li> </ul>	Immediate via Emergency Department
Eligibility Criteria		
General surgical conditions for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hernia repairs – epigastric, inguinal, incisional, umbilical</li> <li>Cholecystectomy</li> </ul>		
Exclusions and Alternative Referral Options		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt; 18 years- Refer children to paediatric surgery clinic.</li> <li>Colorectal surgery- Refer to colorectal surgeon's rooms</li> <li>Bariatric Surgery - Consider other public specialist bariatric surgery services</li> </ul>		
Clinic Information		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursdays 1:30pm- 4:00pm</li> <li>Outpatient Department- Integrated Health Centre -Hastings Road Frankston</li> <li><b>Fax Referrals - 9784 2666</b></li> <li><b>Phone- 9784 2600</b></li> </ul>		
Minimum Referral Information Required (Please note, cannot be processed if minimum information is missing)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Referral must be addressed to a named practitioner – Mr Bob Spychal</b></li> <li>Referring practitioner name, provider number and signature.</li> <li>Date of referral</li> <li><i>Period for which referral is valid (if different to standard referral validity)</i></li> <li>Patient's name, address, date of birth, Medicare number and phone number.</li> <li>Clinical details and reason for referral.</li> <li>Relevant medical history</li> <li>Medications</li> <li>Allergies</li> <li>Results of all recent and relevant investigations</li> </ul>		

