

REFERRAL GUIDELINES

ONCOLOGY CLINIC

Referral Form: Referral addressed to named head of unit is preferred. The GP Referral Template located within the Mastercare Referralnet system is the preferred referral tool.

For faxed referrals, use fax 9788 1879

Clinic overview:

Main tumour streams managed at Peninsula Health are:

- Breast
- Colorectal
- Genitourinary: Prostate, Bladder, Renal
- Upper Gastrointestinal (gastric, oesophageal, pancreas and hepatobiliary)
- Lung
- Skin/melanoma
- Gynaecological cancers
- Other: Brain/Head & Neck cancers and other rare tumours, managed alongside with other tertiary centres

Categories for Appointment

	Clinical Description	Timeframe for Appt
Category 1 Urgent	Recent diagnosis or suspicion of malignancy. Symptomatic or impending serious complication from cancer	7 - 14 days (For urgent referral advice please contact oncology registrar or oncologist on call via switchboard 03 9784 7777)
Category 2 Routine	All other cases	Within 30 days or as assessed by consultant oncologist
Emergency	Severe symptoms or oncologic emergencies	Immediate via direct inpatient admission or emergency department

Eligibility Criteria

All patients require a valid referral from a Specialist or General Practitioner

Exclusions

Patients already referred to another public health service for the same diagnosis

IMPORTANT:

The following information is mandatory:

Referral:

- Date of referral
- Duration of referral
- Speciality
- Named practitioner
- Referring practitioner name
- Referrers signature

Patient Demographic:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Next of kin
- Postal address
- Contact numbers
- Medicare number

Clinical:

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

Results of all recent and relevant investigations

HEAD OF UNIT

A/Prof Zee Wan Wong

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Head & Neck cancers/sarcomas/brain cancers suitable for definitive management should be referred to tertiary centres (Monash Health, Peter McCallum Cancer Centre, and the Alfred)

- At a later stage in patient care, these patients may be managed jointly with tertiary services at PH oncology clinic

Clinic information

Medical Oncology clinics are held in outpatient area 3 in the Integrated Health Building at Frankston Hospital. There are 5 tumour-streamed outpatient clinics per week.

Clinics held every:

- Monday PM
- Tuesday AM
- Wednesday AM (Clinical trial clinic)
- Thursday PM
- Friday AM

Specific Clinic referral information

Information that must be provided:

- Recent relevant scan results
- Recent relevant histopathology
- Recent relevant blood test results
- All relevant cancer treatment details

Minimum Referral Information Required

- All referrals to be addressed to Head of Oncology unit, A/Prof Zee Wan Wong
- Full patient's details including address and contact information
- Clinical details and reason for referral.
- Relevant medical history
- Medications
- Allergies
- Results of all recent and relevant investigations

Other Information

For patients requiring ongoing oncologic management, an indefinite referral from their general practitioner is preferred.

For urgent referrals and oncological advice please contact oncology registrar or oncologist on call via switchboard (03 9784 7777)

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