

Orthopaedic Screening Clinics

- **OAHKS - Osteoarthritis Hip and Knee Service**
- **Shoulder and Knee Clinic**
- **STIRC - Soft Tissue Injury Review Clinic**

These services are run by an advanced musculoskeletal physiotherapist. The aim is to advise on appropriate conservative management options and to assist triage into the orthopaedic clinic.

Categories for Appointment

	Clinical description	Timeframe for Appointment
Urgent	N/A	N/A
Routine	N/A	N/A
Emergency	N/A	N/A

Eligibility Criteria

- GPs do not directly refer to this service.
- This is an assessment service staffed by senior advanced musculoskeletal physiotherapists. Being seen in this clinic is part of the standard process which occurs before the patient is seen in Orthopaedic Clinic.
- **Several screening clinics run including**
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This clinic accepts referrals from ED only.

If a patient has been seen in the STIRC clinic, they have been triaged into the orthopaedic outpatient system and no further referral to orthopaedic outpatients is required. GPs may be approached by their patients seen at STIRC to facilitate investigations including acute MRIs

After assessment the patient will be categorized for surgical review or discharged from Screening Clinic with patient consent.

If patients are discharged from the physiotherapy clinic (with patient consent) but then experience a recurrence of symptoms or a change of circumstances within 12 months they will be seen for review with no disadvantage from initial date of referral. If this occurs outside 12 months a new referral is required

Exclusions

- Not open to outside/ GP referral

Other Information

OAHKS Osteoarthritis Hip and Knee Service DHHS information
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/oahks/>