



## Essential Referral Information

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### Referring to a specialist at the Great Southern Specialist Centre

To assist the GSSC team in a prompt process of your referral, please ensure the following information is included. Referrals with insufficient information to facilitate triage may be returned with a request for additional information which may delay access to the service.

Minimum referral information requirements:

#### CLINICAL

- Name of specialist clinic and/or name of clinician to whom the patient is being referred.
- Reason for referral e.g. assessment only, assessment and management, assessment and share management with GP, diagnostic procedure, suitable for day surgery, second consultant opinion.
- Working diagnosis.
- Medical history – current and relevant past.
- Current medications.
- Relevant investigations and pathology (within 3 months).
- Current management of the condition and response to this.

#### ADMINISTRATION

- Up-to-date contact details including address and daytime contact numbers for patient and GP.
- Medicare number.
- Private health insurance provider and membership number.
- DVA number if applicable.
- Need for an interpreter and which language.
- Other relevant information (such as family support).
- Date of referral and period for which the referral is valid.
- Referrer's provider number.

### Sending your referral

Secure messaging links and fax numbers for referrals can be found on each specialist's profile page on the GSSC website.

Information for any referral to any other specialists visiting the Great Southern can be found on the Great Southern Specialist Summary page.