

Clinical Priority Access Criteria

Telephone: Nurse Coordinator – Patient Access 9431 3852

Services


[Clinical Priority Access Criteria](#) provides guidelines for referral to outpatient services for First Specialist Assessment. These guidelines have been developed to ensure that patients are treated in order of relative priority and in a similar manner throughout Western Australia. [Specialty specific referral recommendations](#) are provided.

A specific [Generic Teaching Hospital \(CPAC\) Referral Form](#) is provided.
Hard copies: Telephone 9431 2966

The Nurse Coordinator – Patient Access (Clinical Priority Access Nurse / CPAN at other sites) aims to streamline referrals and facilitate patient access to Outpatient Services (OPD).

You may be contacted if:

- The service is not provided at the hospital of choice.
- The clinical information is illegible and or insufficient.
- Further diagnostic tests may be appropriate prior to the patient seeing the specialist.
- The patient is already on the hospital OPD list.
- For referrals for cosmetic surgery / other excluded procedures: refer to the [Excluded Procedures](#) entry in the GP Handbook.

Issued	February 2008	Compiled by	Cheree Schneider / Julie Skevington GP Liaison
Revisions	Oct 2008, July 2009	Endorsed by	Cheree Schneider
This version	27 July 2009	Title	Clinical Priority Access Criteria GP Liaison Handbook 2009
Revision Due	31 May 2010	Page 1 of 1	 <p>Department of Health South Metropolitan Area Health Service</p>