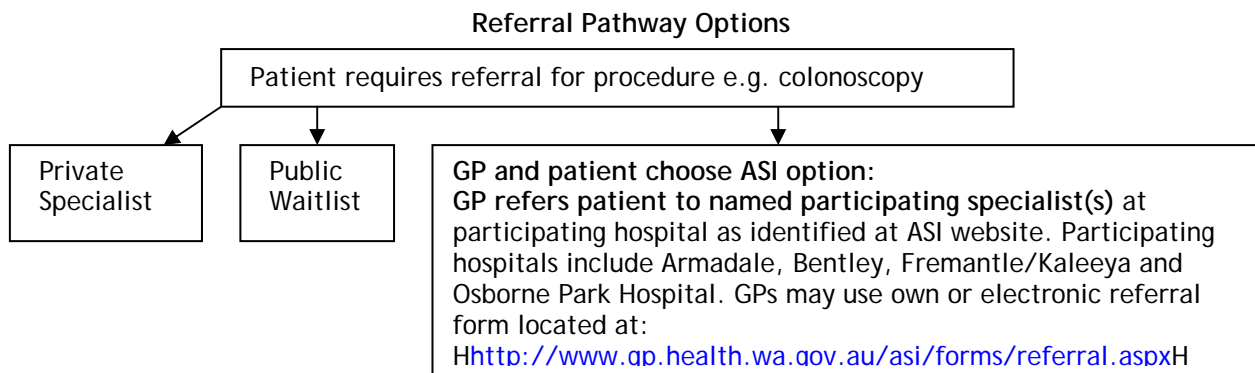


**AMBULATORY SURGERY INITIATIVE (ASI)**

The Department of Health Ambulatory Surgery Initiative provides open access for GPs to refer patients for a range of elective day procedures, including GI endoscopy, cystoscopy, ophthalmology and general gynaecology procedures.

ASI procedures are performed with no out-of-pocket expense for the patient and usually have shorter waitlists. To be suitable for ASI, a patient needs to be less than 120 kg, without significant co-morbidity and ambulatory.

ASI requires a GP to make a referral to a Named Participating Specialist(s). Naming multiple specialists will allow flexibility and reduce potential wait times. Importantly, patients must be given the choice of pathway options. An example is outlined below:



For ASI Procedures at Fremantle/Kaleeya, refer to Fremantle Hospital in the normal way, ensuring you name at least one specialist. Detailing more than one Consultant will expedite your patient’s progress.

**GI Endoscopy** at Fremantle/Kaleeya: all consultants working in the Fremantle Gastroenterology unit (Drs Olynyk, Lawrance, Pearce, Chong, Rofe, Ayonrinde, Galhenage, Cullingford, Ahmad and Fletcher) are performing scopes under the ASI system **although Drs Fletcher and Ahmad perform gastroscopies only**. [ASI Gastroenterology referral form](#); Hard Copies: Telephone 9431 2300

**Cystoscopies** are currently performed under ASI at Fremantle/Kaleeya Hospital by Drs Hill and Sofield.

**General Gynaecology** including colposcopy, LLETZ and IUD insertion is performed at Kaleeya Hospital by Drs Rowlands and Sillender.

**Ophthalmology** procedures, including cataracts, are performed at Kaleeya by Drs Then and Yellachich.

You can obtain more information about ASI by visiting the website: <http://www.gp.health.wa.gov.au/asi>

A list of the participating Specialists and Facilities can be found at: <http://www.gp.health.wa.gov.au/asi/locality/>

For any questions on ASI, contact Pam Tindall, ASI Project manager on 9346 8143, [pam.tindall@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:pam.tindall@health.wa.gov.au). For procedures performed at Fremantle/Kaleeya, FHHS GP Liaison can also provide assistance on 9431 2540 / [FHGPLiaison@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:FHGPLiaison@health.wa.gov.au).

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#### REFERRAL

**Urgent:** Priority '0', requires review in first available clinic.

Please phone the Registrar via switchboard on 9431 3333.

Please fax the referral, clearly marked "urgent" with any attached reports to Fax 9431 2009, ensuring that a fax header clearly identifies patient name, clinic referred to, appointment date and total number of pages.

The registrar may request a referral be faxed directly to clinic if patient attending within 48hrs. Please also send the original by post marked with "Faxed" including date that it was Faxed.

**Routine General Referral:** Priority 1-3 (ie within 30-365 days) must be sent via mail addressed to:

Outpatient Central Receiving Office  
B10 Fremantle Hospital and Health Service  
PO Box 480  
Fremantle WA 6959

[Teaching Hospital Outpatient Referral Form](#) preferred;  
to order a hard copy referral pad: Fax request to Fax 9431 2009  
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