

# Specialist Clinic Referral Guidelines

## MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

**If there is a concern about the delay of the appointment, or any deterioration in the patient's condition, please send an updated referral with additional information.**

**If the patient's care needs have become urgent, please call the unit registrar on call on 9076 2000.**

**Please fax referrals to The Alfred Specialist Clinics on 9076 6938. [The Alfred Specialist Clinics Referral Form](#) is available to print and fax. Where appropriate and available, the referral may be directed to an alternative specialist clinic or service.**

Notification will be sent when the referral is received. The referral may be declined if it does not contain essential information required for triage, if the condition is not appropriate for referral to a public hospital, or is a condition not routinely seen at Alfred Health.

The clinical information provided in the referral will determine the triage category. The triage category will affect the timeframe in which the patient is offered an appointment.

**The following conditions are not routinely seen at Alfred Health:**

- Patients who are being treated for the same condition at another Victorian public hospital
- Children under 18 years of age

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Please include in the referral:

Demographic details:	Clinical information:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of birth</li> <li>• Patient's contact details including mobile phone number</li> <li>• Referring GP details</li> <li>• If an interpreter is required</li> <li>• Medicare number</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reason for referral</li> <li>• Duration of symptoms</li> <li>• Relevant pathology &amp; imaging reports</li> <li>• Past medical history</li> <li>• Current medications</li> </ul>

Some clinics offer private consultations in public rooms. If the patient chooses to be seen as a private patient, **please provide a referral to a named specialist** to comply with MBS billing requirements. There is no out-of-pocket cost to the patient. Please note the patient may be seen by another consultant in that clinic to expedite their care.

The times to assessment may vary depending on size and staffing of the hospital department.

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<b>Tumour Stream</b>	<b>Consultants</b>
<b>Brain</b>	Dr Lucy Gately Dr Malaka Ameratunga Dr Sanjeev Gill Prof Mark Shackleton
<b>Breast</b>	Dr Maggie Moore Dr Lucy Gately Dr Mitchell Chipman Dr Mahesh Iddawela Dr Elizabeth Blackley Dr Sachin Joshi
<b>Early Phase Clinical Trials</b>	Dr Ben Markman Dr Mark Voskoboynik A/Prof Andrew Haydon Prof Mark Shackleton
<b>Genito-urinary</b>	Dr Mark Voskoboynik Dr Sanjeev Gill Dr Malaka Ameratunga Dr Mahesh Iddawela Dr Mitchell Chipman Dr Quan Tran
<b>Gynaecological</b>	Dr Elizabeth Blackley Dr Mahesh Iddawela
<b>Head and Neck</b>	A/Prof Andrew Haydon Dr Miles Andrews Dr Malaka Ameratunga
<b>Lower Gastrointestinal</b>	Dr Sanjeev Gill Prof John Zalcborg Dr Benjamin Markman A/Prof Andrew Haydon Dr Evangeline Samuel Dr Sachin Joshi Dr Elizabeth Blackley
<b>Lung</b>	Dr Benjamin Markman Dr Maggie Moore Dr Malaka Ameratunga Dr Mark Voskoboynik Dr Evangeline Samuel Prof Mark Shackleton Dr Miles Andrews Dr Sachin Joshi

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<b>Melanoma</b>	Prof Mark Shackleton A/Prof Andrew Haydon Dr Miles Andrews Dr Mark Voskoboynik Dr Maggie Moore
<b>Molecular/Rare Tumours</b>	Dr Malaka Ameratunga Prof Mark Shackleton
<b>Non-melanoma skin</b>	Prof Mark Shackleton A/Prof Andrew Haydon Dr Mitchell Chipman Dr Miles Andrews
<b>Prostate</b>	Dr Mark Voskoboynik Dr Sanjeev Gill Dr Malaka Ameratunga Dr Mahesh Iddawela Dr Mitchell Chipman Dr Quan Tran
<b>Upper Gastrointestinal</b>	A/Prof Andrew Haydon Prof John Zalcborg Dr Benjamin Markman Dr Sanjeev Gill Dr Evangeline Samuel Dr Sachin Joshi Dr Elizabeth Blackley