

General Surgery 1 Hepatobiliary Clinic holds multidisciplinary sessions to discuss and plan the treatment of patients with Hepatobiliary conditions.

Department of Health clinical urgency categories for specialist clinics

Urgent: A referral is urgent if the patient has a condition that has the potential to deteriorate quickly with significant consequences for health and quality of life if not managed promptly. Use when a clinician determines that the patient should be seen in a Specialist (Outpatient) Clinic within 30 days of the receipt of referral.

Semi Urgent: Referrals should be categories as Semi Urgent that has the potential to deteriorate within 31-90 days.

Routine: Use when the clinician determines that the patient does not need to be seen in a Specialist (Outpatient) Clinic within 90 days of the receipt of referral.

Exclusions: *If patient has confirmed Appendicitis please refer directly to Emergency Department*

Condition / Symptom	GP Management	Investigations Required Prior to Referral	Expected Triage Outcome information
Bile Duct Cancer (Cholangiocarcinoma)	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:
Biliary Stricture	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:
Cystic neoplasms of the pancreas	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:

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Cystic neoplasms of the pancreas	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:
Gall stones (ALL)	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:
Gall Bladder Cancer	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:
Jaundice	When to refer: Urgently. Patient will be booked into next clinic	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent: Next Clinic
Lipoma	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Routine:

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Liver abscess	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:
Liver cystic lesion	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:
Liver mass lesion	When to refer: Confirmed/Suspected cancer	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:
Lymph node enlargement	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:
Pancreatic cystic lesion	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:
Pancreatic mass lesion	When to refer: Confirmed/Suspected cancer. Patient will be booked into next clinic	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent: Next Clinic

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Pancreatitis	When to refer: Chronic/Acute	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:
Retroperitoneal lesion	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent:
Splenic lesion	When to refer:	Clinical history and examination Instruct patient to bring all films & diagnostic results to the Specialist Clinic appointment.	Urgent: