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Children's Health
Services:

ENT

Consultant Clinics

Hoarseness: All ages

Initial work-up	Pre-referral treatment	Refer when
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoarseness with moderate or severe stridor or respiratory distress should be seen IMMEDIATELY in the Emergency Department • History and physical examination – to rule out associated viral or bacterial infection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat any associated bacterial infection • Observe for viral infections – supportive management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • > 3 months of moderate to severe hoarseness • Prolonged voice loss

Clinical Advice: Tel (07) 3636 3777 and ask for Paediatric ENT Registrar or A/H (07) 3636 9005 Emergency Department

Referral Form Download: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/rch/professionals/gp_referrals.asp

Send Referrals to: Medical Objects Address – QHEALTH, ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL Fax: (07) 3636 7811 Mail: Outpatients Department
HealthLink Address - qldrchld
Royal Children's Hospital
Herston Rd, HERSTON 4029

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Paediatrics Pre-referral Guidelines – Otolaryngology



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Emergency Department	
• GPs only (clinical advice)	(07) 3636 9005
• Triage nurse	(07) 3636 7900
• ED Admission enquiries	(07) 3636 7055
Admission Enquiries	(07) 3636 8307
Admission Enquiries After Hours (via the RCH Main Switch)	(07) 3636 3449 Pager 42156
Poisons Information Centre	131 126
Seriously Unwell Child: RCH Emergency Department	(07) 3636 9005

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Feedback or suggestions welcomed. Contact the **Centre for Healthcare Excellence**: CHS_CHE@health.qld.gov.au

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