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## Midline neck mass/suspected thyroglossal duct cyst: All ages

Initial work-up	Pre-referral treatment	Refer when
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The referring doctor should consider the applicability of the following investigations</li> <li>• Ultrasound of neck with notation of thyroid gland</li> <li>• Thyroid function test if needed</li> <li>• FBE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treat infections</li> <li>• Observe for fluctuance, erythema and airway distress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swelling that does not respond to a course of antibiotics</li> <li>• Bring head and neck films</li> </ul>

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named referrals for  
all patients  
referred to the RCH  
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patient access

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](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](http://qldrchld) Royal Children's Hospital  
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## Paediatrics Pre-referral Guidelines – Otolaryngology



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<b>Emergency Department</b>	
• 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
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