



Gastroenterology

Outpatient Referral Guideline

Please use this guide to complete the appropriate tests so patients can be accurately triaged within the Gastroenterology Outpatients Department.

Referrals of patients requiring gastrointestinal investigations including endoscopy/colonoscopy should be referred;

Bundaberg – addressed to the Surgical Department. Where clinically indicated, the Surgeons will refer patient onward to the Gastroenterologist.

Fraser Coast – addressed to the Gastroenterologist

Referral for management of gastroenterological disease requiring tertiary level of care may be referred directly to the Gastroenterologist.

We will not be accepting any new referrals relating to Liver Disease.

Please provide a BMI for your patient when referring.

| Presentation/Condition | Baseline Investigations |
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| Crohn's Disease/ Ulcerative Colitis or suspected Crohn's or Ulcerative Colitis | <p>Pathology: FBC, E'LFT, CRP, HBsAg, HBcAb, HCV, HLA-B27, 25-Hydroxy-VitD, TPMT, pANCA, cANCA, ANA, ASCA, ABsAb and HEP C, HBV Iron studies, B12, red cell folate (all with in last 4 weeks) Stool – M/C/S and O/C/P Faecal calprotectin. FOB</p> <p>Patients taking immunosuppressant medication: FBC, E'LFT, CRP, 6TGUAN</p> <p>Medical reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of previous colonoscopy and endoscopy reports with relevant histology. • Any medical history relating to disease from a previous GP or Gastroenterologist. <p>Medical Imaging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdominal Xray. <p>Observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current weight and weight loss in previous 2 months in kg. • BMI <p>Current Medications</p> |
| Patients requiring Interventional Endoscopy | <p>Pathology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FBC, E'LFT, CRP (within last 4 weeks), Iron studies, B12, red cell folate for anaemic/bleeding patients; recent • (within previous 4 weeks) iFOB, faecal calprotectin <p>Medical reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of previous colonoscopy and endoscopy reports with relevant histology. • Any medical history relating to disease from a previous Gastroenterologist or GP. <p>Observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current weight and weight loss in previous 2 months in kg. • BMI <p>Current Medications</p> |

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