



Direct Access Colonoscopy Referrals

Campbelltown and Liverpool Hospitals

(Fairfield, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly Local Government Areas)

What is the Direct Access Colonoscopy (DAC) Service ?

It is a nurse-led clinic that fast-tracks low-risk patients with a positive faecal occult blood test (+FOBT), through to colonoscopy, avoiding the wait time to see a gastroenterologist or surgeon.

How are patients referred and triaged ?

Triple I Hub registers the patient, checks the patient against referral criteria and books them into the DAC nurse clinic. The DAC nurse completes an assessment via telephone and book them in for the colonoscopy. A specialist oversees the service.

How will I find out about my patient's results ?

The patient is given initial results after the colonoscopy. The results are also forwarded to their GP either by mail, fax or email. Patients with colonic pathology including cancer, polyps or colitis will be scheduled for a review at the GI clinic and GPs will be notified of the outcome of this review.

Referral Criteria

- ◆ Positive FOBT
- ◆ 50-74 years of age
- ◆ No anticoagulant or anti-platelet therapy other than aspirin
- ◆ No history of heart disease
- ◆ Well-controlled diabetes
- ◆ No history of kidney or liver disease
- ◆ No serious lung disease
- ◆ No malignancy
- ◆ No cognitive deficits

Essential Referral Information

- ◆ DAC referral form available on PHN website (Best Practice, Medical Director or Word)
- ◆ All mandatory field need to be completed
- ◆ Include results of FOBT, Patient Summary and blood tests
- ◆ **Incomplete referrals will be returned**

For further information contact (from August 1st)

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