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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL
CANTERBURY GP PRACTICES**

Please distribute to all GPs and Practice Nurses

Rectal Bleeding

Please can we remind all practices that the Charity Hospital is the portal for rectal bleeders under the age of 50 as agreed with Canterbury DHB.

You do not need to refer to the DHB first as they forward these referrals on to us for investigation/flexible sigmoidoscopy & possible subsequent colonoscopy as required.

As agreed with the DHB this particular service is not means tested. Your patients are guaranteed to be seen.

Rectal bleeders outside of these parameters will also be considered and assessed using our standard criteria.

Gynaecology

Current waiting times for Gynae referrals is only 6 weeks for tubal ligation, investigative laparoscopy, mirena and family planning

Orthopaedics

There is also a short wait time on all qualifying upper limb day case surgery referrals.

Please see the website www.charityhospital.org.nz for up to date information on 2018 services which currently include:

Gynaecology, women's health and family planning
Colonoscopy both acute and screening (*see conditions*)
General day surgery
Cataract Surgery (moderate to severe)
Orthopaedic
Hand surgery & foot surgery
Oral surgery and dentistry
Counselling



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