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GP UPDATE AUGUST 2016:

Please distribute to all Doctors, Managers and Practice Nurses

New building extensions commence early September

The new Oral surgery service has commenced and will transfer to a purpose built building in late November. The new building work is on a neighbouring site and will not interrupt any of our services.

A total of 4 new Oral surgeons have joined the hospital team to support our dentists with more complex procedures. This now includes wisdom teeth extraction under general anaesthetic. Oral surgery (not dentistry) is open to non WINZ patients. Hygienists and denture services are now offered also.

Women's health and family planning

Wait times for gynaecology patients is currently only 4 weeks. Most gynaecology day surgery will be considered including laparoscopic sterilisation, investigative laparoscopy and family planning.

Colonoscopy

We see patients both symptomatic patients and those likely to require screening. Please ensure that you score your patients as per our website criteria. Those who do qualify will be seen within 4 weeks of referral or sooner.

Cataract surgery

Recent changes to the DHB CPAC scoring system are confusing both GPs and specialists. Please attempt to score your patient using this tool, however we will consider any patient whose cataract is impacting on their day to day life.

Orthopaedics

Qualifying patients can currently be seen within 4 weeks for Dupuytren's, carpal tunnel, trigger finger, elbow and some shoulder conditions.

Varicose vein surgery

This service is for patients scoring severity level 4+ / disability level 2+ as per DHB health pathways. Please let us know this score within your referral to the hospital.

Current 2016 services. The current list includes: Vascular surgery, colonoscopy, general day surgery, gynaecology procedures and women's health, upper limb orthopaedics, cataract surgery, dentistry, counselling and oral surgery.

All referrals are subject to your patients meeting both the clinical and financial thresholds set up by the Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust.

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