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Please distribute to all Doctors, Managers and Practice Nurses

Expanded Charity Hospital opens July 2015

Over the past few months our hospital has increased in size to meet increasing unmet surgical and medical needs in Canterbury. Alterations have taken place in one of our 2 theatres and a considerable size additional ward has been added, doubling capacity. Additional patient and staff facilities have also been added.

New services

Vascular surgery:

From July we will be offering Rx for patients requiring varicose vein surgery. For now they will need a CPAP score of 45. Please attach the CPH CPAP sheet with any application.

Oral surgery:

From August we will consider patients requiring extraction of impacted wisdom teeth or similar. Unlike our dental service these do not need to be WINZ clients.

Orthopaedics:

There is virtually no wait time for eligible orthopaedic referrals such as Dupuytren's, carpal tunnel, trigger finger, elbow and some shoulder conditions

Women's health patients seen within 8 weeks

Qualifying patients will be seen within 8 weeks. Most day surgery gynae procedures can be carried out on site with limited wait times. This includes various surgical sterilisation techniques and some investigative laparoscopy. Mirena and vasectomies are also available.

Colonoscopy service:

Clinically and financially qualifying patients for colonoscopy are now being seen within 6 weeks of referral. We now accept three types of referral:

- Symptomatic patients with unexplained overt rectal bleeding for six weeks or more AND/OR scores 11 or more points as per CPH colonoscopy diagnostic request form.
- CRC Screening (visit the website for more information)
- Post CRC Surveillance (visit the website for more information)

Cataract surgery

Our points threshold has been lowered to 19 using the CPH CPAP score sheet. It is essential that you include this score when referring patients to us.

All referrals are subject to patients meeting both our clinical and financial threshold

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