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Please distribute to all Doctors, Managers and Practice Nurses

Expanded Day Surgery Unit opens

The unit was recently opened by the Governor General and significantly increases the capacity at the hospital. This will enable the introduction of new services and larger operating lists from August 2015.

Varicose vein surgery

We have reintroduced this much needed service for declined DHB patients scoring severity level 4+ / disability level 2+ as per health pathways. Please refer to this within your referral.

Other news

Cataract surgery: Our points threshold is significantly less than that of the public service. The current score required for referral is now **18+** for clinically and financially eligible patients. It is essential that when referring patients you include the CPH score sheet.

Women's health/family planning: Wait times for gynae and vasectomy patients is currently only 6 weeks. This includes various surgical sterilisation techniques & some investigative laparoscopy. Mirena for qualifying women and vasectomy's for men. To find out more visit the Canterbury Charity Hospital's website www.charityhospital.org.nz.

Colonoscopy service 2015 expansion: All clinically and financially qualifying patients for colonoscopy are now being seen within 6 weeks of referral. We currently 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)

Orthopaedics: Qualifying patients can currently be seen within 8 weeks for Dupuytren's, carpal tunnel, trigger finger, elbow and some shoulder conditions.

Referrals

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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