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Please distribute to all Doctors, Managers and Practice Nurses

Oral surgery new for 2016

There are some changes this year to the services that we can offer your patients. We currently offer: General day surgery, gynaecology procedures and women's health, upper limb orthopaedics, colonoscopy, cataract surgery, dentistry, vascular surgery, counselling and, new for 2016, oral surgery (wisdom teeth extraction etc).

The hospital has recently acquired a further neighbouring property with a view to development of respite care and oral surgery expansion.

Varicose vein surgery

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

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 to **include the CPH score sheet** when referring patients.

Women's health and family planning

Wait times for gynaecology patients is currently only 4 weeks, including various surgical sterilisation techniques and some investigative laparoscopy, Mirena for qualifying women and vasectomies for men. To find out more visit the Canterbury Charity Hospital's website www.charityhospital.org.nz.

Colonoscopy

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.

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

For more information: Please visit our website at www.charityhospital.org.nz, telephone 03 360 2266, fax 03 360 2616 or email us at reception@charityhospital.org.nz.

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