

PROCESS FOR GP REFERRAL OF COMMUNITY BASED PATIENTS REQUIRING BLOOD TRANSFUSION

Patient requires blood transfusion. GP assesses clinical urgency in accordance with Western Health GP Guidelines for Transfusion

If NON URGENT
 1) GP refers patient to appropriate specialist privately.
OR
 2) If pathology results indicate Fe deficiency GP refers patient to Endoscopy Services
OR
 3) If pathology results do not indicate Fe deficiency GP refers patient to General Medical/Haematology Clinic. GP completes a Referral form preferably the Victorian State-wide Referral Form (VSRF) to refer to outpatients. Includes recent pathology results (FBE, U&E's, B12, Folate, Fe Studies, FOB's)

Following assessment patient does not require transfusion

Patient referred back to GP for follow up

Following assessment patient requires a transfusion and is suitable for MADU

WH Medical officer completes WH A4 Dorevitch blood product request form (ensures pt ID details & UR are on the form) and gives this form to the patient

WH Medical officer advises patient that MADU nursing staff will contact them re their admission date and date to attend for blood test (crossmatch)

WH Medical officer completes elective admission and blood/blood product consent and prescription form for the patient and forwards to MADU

MADU nursing staff contact patient to arrange admission and date to attend Dorevitch for their blood test (crossmatch)

If SEMI-URGENT AND CAUSE OF ANAEMIA KNOWN
 1) For referral of a patient who has not previously been treated at Western Health the GP must contact the Sunshine Hospital Senior Medical Registrar 83456666 to discuss admission to MADU for transfusion.
 2) For known WH patients GP contacts MADU Phone: 8395 9162 Fax: 8395 9199
 3) MADU assesses appropriateness of patient referral to MADU and advises GP. If appropriate GP to complete GP ACTIONS.
 4) MADU nurses liaise with appropriate medical unit (Gen Med Unit or relevant unit e.g. oncology if known unit patient).
 5) Medical unit & MADU accepts semi-urgent referral

GP ACTIONS
 1) GP prints off WH A4 Dorevitch pathology blood product request form from WH GP Liaison website. GP documents patient details and patient WH UR number on the request form.
 2) GP gives patient completed Dorevitch pathology request form (as above). **Note:** *The specific WH Dorevitch request form must be used to ensure the patient's crossmatch sample is sent to the WH blood bank. Crossmatch cannot be performed without UR number. The crossmatch MUST be done by Dorevitch pathology- no other pathology service can be accepted.*
 3) GP faxes or sends to MADU
 • Completed WH GP referral for transfusion form
 • Patient's most recent pathology results (Hb, FBE,U&Es, Fe studies)
 4) GP advises patient that MADU nursing staff will contact them to advise them of their admission date and date to attend Dorevitch pathology for blood test (<72 hours prior to admission)

MADU nursing staff contact patient within 2 working days regarding admission date and date to attend Dorevitch Pathology for blood test

Patient admitted to MADU under General Medical Unit (admitting team for the day) or relevant unit e.g. Oncology if known oncology patient. Medical Officer assesses the patient to confirm there are no contraindications to the transfusion, consents patient (if a valid consent is not in place) and completes blood/blood product consent & prescription form as required.

Medical Officer completes transfusion discharge letter. Patient referred back to GP after transfusion with transfusion discharge letter for follow up investigations and specialist referral if required.

If URGENT
 GP notifies the relevant WH Emergency Department that the patient has been advised to present for urgent transfusion.

 GP includes recent pathology results for the patient (FBE, U&E's, B12, Folate, Fe Studies, FOB's) with the referral.

Patient treated/admitted as clinically indicated. Discussed/referred with haem/gastro/med Registrar as appropriate and directly referred for appropriate follow up from ED

Patient referred back to GP for follow up investigations and specialist referral if required