

SMART Clinic - Symptom Management Assessment & Referral Team Referral Guidelines for GPs

The SMART Clinic at Western Health is an MBS Clinic which provides support for palliative patients who require symptom management. This clinic is a joint initiative between Western Health and Mercy Palliative Care, the community palliative care service for the Western Metropolitan Region. Referrals are accepted from Western Health consultants and GPs and clinics are held at Western Hospital Footscray and Sunshine Radiotherapy Centre.

Please review these guidelines before referring a patient to the SMART Clinic. If you have any questions about the clinic please contact 8345 7068.

Patient eligibility	Consulting team	Referral requirements
<p>Patients with a diagnosed malignancy to provide support in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain management • Symptom management • Medication support and education • Psychosocial support requiring referral to community palliative care • Support with end of life discussion and issues 	<p>The clinic has a multidisciplinary model where a pharmacist and a community palliative care nurse are part of the team with palliative care medical consultants.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly address referrals to Dr Adrian Dabscheck SMART Clinic • Provide your provider number and the patient's Medicare number • Use of the VSRF is strongly encouraged • Please include reasons for referral, current medications and investigation results <p style="text-align: center;">Fax referrals to 8345 6856</p>

Please note referrals that do not provide adequate information for triaging may be returned with a request for further information. Western Health Outpatients strongly encourage the use of the Victorian State-wide Referral Form (VSRF). Copies can be downloaded from www.gpv.org.au.