REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION

GOLD COAST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE

**NEUROSURGERY CLINIC**

Template for correspondence about patient with

**SPINAL PROBLEMS (BACK AND/OR NECK)**

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| **SEND TO** Dr Teresa Withers (Director of Neurosurgery)  Outpatient Access and Scheduling Centre  Fax: 07 5687 4497  **OR**  **Secure transmission service via Medical Objects or**  **Healthlink to**  **QHEALTH,GOLD COAST HEALTH Outpatients**  **Outpatient Bookings and Referrals** | **FROM**  **Doctors Name:**  **Practice Name:**  **Practice Address:**  **Phone:**  **Fax:**  **Email:**  **Provider Number:** |

Dear Dr Withers

**SECTION 1 Patient details**

**Patient Full Name:**

**DOB:**

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| **Gender:**  **Address:**  **Home Ph**:  **Mobile Ph:**  **Medicare Number\*:**  (\*Medicare ineligible patients will incur a consultation fee) | **Next of Kin/Alternative Contact:**  **Next of Kin/Alternative Contact Ph:**  **Does patient identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait**  **Islander:**  **Interpreter required:**  **If yes, specify language:** |

**SECTION 2 Reason for referral and additional clinical information**

What is the reason for this referral:

Please provide provisional diagnosis (if available):

Please include any symptoms and date of onset (if known):

**Paste or type relevant history, clinical examination findings and treatment to date if required**

**SECTION 3 Mandatory clinical information**

Pain and neurological deficit (foot drop, weakness):

If yes, please specify:

Spinal claudication with stenosis:

If yes, please specify:

**SECTION 4 Investigations**

Please indicate whether the following pre-requisite investigations have been undertaken in order for this referral to be processed and attach the results. In addition, please also attach any investigation results you consider to be relevant, such as: Serum calcium, phosphate, serum protein +/- electrophoresis when indicated; spinal questionnaire results.

**CT/MRI results:**

**FBC:**

**ESR/CRP:**

**SECTION 5 Duration of referral**

Please indicate how long you would like your referral to remain valid:

☐ 12 months

☐ Indefinite

Indefinite referrals do not expire until the patient has been discharged by the hospital service. When referrals expire, there is an expectation that the referring GP or another GP will review the care of the patient. If the patient still requires specialist care, the GP will then have to request a referral continuation.

**SECTION 6 Social factors and impact on the patient**

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| Consider the impact on employment/education; activities of daily life; ability to care for others; personal safety/frailty;  other factors. **Please paste or type relevant information.** |

**SECTION 7 Medical history including co-morbidities and previous surgical interventions**

**Alcohol Status/History:**

**Smoking Status/History:**

**Medical History:**

**Comorbidities:**

**Previous Procedures:**

**Allergies/Adverse Reactions:**

**Current prescribed medications:**

**SMOs/VMOs in this Specialist Service**

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| Dr Teresa Withers (Director) | Dr Ashish Jonathan | Dr Paul Poulgrain |
| Dr Christian Schwindack | Dr Ellison Stephenson | Professor Marianne Vonau |
| Dr Liqun Yang |  |  |