REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION

GOLD COAST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE

**ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC**

Template for correspondence about patient with

**KNEE PAIN AND PROBLEMS**

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| **SEND TO** Dr Donald Pitchford (Director of Orthopaedics)  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 Pitchford

**SECTION 1 Patient details**

**RE:**

**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**

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| 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**

Locked/locking knee:

If yes, please specify:

Post traumatic knee/patella instability:

If yes, please specify:

Meniscal injuries without degeneration/effusion:

If yes, please specify:

Symptoms deteriorating rapidly and cause severe disability:

If yes, please specify:

Pain in/after previously well-functioning arthroplasty:

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: Clinical ligament and meniscus test results, if completed; MRI results for suspected locked knee or significant internal or ligamentous derangement (where available and not causing significant delay); Hip and Knee Questionnaire (patient to complete): https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cairns\_hinterland/docs/hip\_knee\_chhsd.pdf; Management to date.

XR results- knee weight bearing AP, lateral and skyline:

Height:

Weight:

BMI:

Investigations for inflammatory arthropathy:

**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:**

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| **SMOs/VMOs in this Specialist Service** |

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| Dr Donald Pitchford (Director) | Dr Matthew Alfredson | Dr Jason Beer |
| Professor Randy Bindra | Dr Lochlin Brown | Dr Price Gallie |
| Dr Haig Lennox | Dr Simon Platt | Dr James Reidy |
| Dr Song Tan | Dr Fraser Taylor | Dr Michael Thomas |
| Dr Francois Tudor |  |  |