

Brisbane North HealthPathways

Information for clinicians

Patient management and local referral information all in one place

As part of its Specialist Outpatients Strategy, Queensland Health has purchased a state-wide licence for HealthPathways. Through a jointly-funded program, Metro North Hospital and Health Service (HHS) and Brisbane North PHN are working to localise these clinical pathways.

Clinicians in the North Brisbane and Moreton Bay region can now access these pathways online. They provide the user with point-of-care guidance for the assessment and management of medical conditions.

Where available, referral criteria, including Queensland Health's Clinical Prioritisation Criteria (CPC) guidelines, are embedded in the pathways.

Local HealthPathways at a glance

Over 300 pathways have been localised for the North Brisbane and Moreton Bay region.

These consist of clinical, referral and service/resources pages, covering a wide range of specialties, including: Aged Care, Cardiology, Diabetes, General Medicine, General Surgery, Gynaecology, Immunology, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Public Health, Respiratory, Urology, Endocrinology, ENT, Mental Health, Obstetrics, Paediatrics, Rheumatology and Vascular Surgery.

Pathways are being continuously developed across these and other specialties. We are also working with Children's Health Queensland to add paediatric pathways to the suite.

HealthPathways benefits

Access to these localised pathways is expected to improve and standardise primary care management, referral and communication processes between specialists and GPs, and lead to a more rational demand for secondary care services.

Access the Brisbane North HealthPathways

1. **Visit:** <https://brisbanenorth.healthpathwayscommunity.org>

2. **Login username:** Brisbane

3. **Password:** North



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Patients benefit through the greater clarity clinicians can provide about the appropriateness and likelihood of obtaining further specialist services, and about alternative treatment options.

Clinicians benefit through relationship building as they localise HealthPathways, and through greater confidence in managing their patients.

The local health system benefits through reduced demand on acute and secondary care services, freeing up resources to provide more elective services and increase assistance to primary care.

Features

- evidence-based and easy to use
- produced independent of pharmaceutical company influence
- free text searching of pathways is possible
- structured directory to browse
- format has a natural clinical flow
- pathways cover red flags, assessment, management, requests and information

As part of the quality assurance and localisation process, a Specialist in the field (Subject Matter Expert) reviews each pathway for accuracy and currency of content, as well as for relevance with the services available in the Metro North HHS.