Outpatient Referral Criteria are changing for some Specialties

Are you familiar with the latest criteria?

**WHAT**
Clinical Prioritisation Criteria (CPC) are enhanced statewide referral guidelines designed to standardise referring, triaging and categorising of most conditions across specialist outpatients within Queensland Health.

**WHO**
CPC will be used by all health practitioners referring into Metro North Hospital and Health Service and MNHHS specialist outpatient services.

**WHY**
CPC have been developed to improve patients’ specialist outpatient experience. Standardising referral guidelines will enable:
- Equitable access
- Improvements in the quality of referral
- Consistency of triage categorisation across the State
- Services provided in order of clinical urgency
- Improved communication between referrers and specialist outpatient services.

**WHERE**
The revised essential referral information can be found on:
HealthPathways:
https://brisbanenorth.healthpathwayscommunity.org
Username: Brisbane
Password: North

**WHEN**
Where CPC have already been developed and implemented, these will be available on the link above. As new speciality CPC are developed, local referral guidelines will be updated.

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