Monash Children's Hospital Referral Guidelines
PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY

EXCLUSIONS

Services not offered by Monash Health

New patients
Referrals are accepted up to a child's 16th birthday

Existing patients with complex care needs
Referrals are accepted up to a child's 18th birthday (patients are usually transitioned to adult services by this time)

Service catchment area
This service is available to children living in Victoria

PLEASE NOTE THE PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY SERVICE AT MONASH HEALTH DOES NOT ACCEPT REFERRALS FOR TICS OR BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS

CONDITIONS

Epilepsy
Neuromuscular disease
Stroke
Neonatal Neurology issues
Complex headache
Movement disorders
Brain malformations
Neuroimmunological disorders
Neurogenetics

We also offer a comprehensive epilepsy program and neurophysiology studies such as electroencephalogram, videotelemetry, nerve conduction studies and evoked potentials

PRIORITY

All referrals received are triaged by **Monash Health clinicians** to determine **urgency of referral.**

EMERGENCY
For emergency cases please do any of the following:
- send the patient to the Emergency department OR
- Contact the on call registrar OR
- Phone 000 to arrange immediate transfer to ED

URGENT
The patient has a condition that has the potential to deteriorate quickly with significant consequences for health and quality of life if not managed promptly.

ROUTINE
The patient's condition is unlikely to deteriorate quickly or have significant consequences for the person's health and quality of life if the specialist assessment is delayed beyond one month

REFERRAL

How to refer to Monash Health

Who can refer to this service?

- General Paediatricians
- General Practitioners (only in exceptional circumstances after discussion with a Paediatric Neurologist at Monash Health
- General Practitioners *can* refer to Neurogenetics

Mandatory referral content

Demographic:
Full name
Date of birth
Next of kin
Postal address
Contact number(s)
Email address
Medicare number
Referring GP details
      including **provider number**
Usual GP (if different)
Interpreter requirements

Clinical:
Reason for referral
Duration of symptoms
Management to date and response to treatment
Past medical history
Current medications and medication history if relevant
Functional status
Psychosocial history
Dietary status
Family history
Diagnostics as per referral guidelines

Click here to download the outpatient referral form

TEST RESULTS

If you are waiting on a report for your child's EEG, MRI or for other test results, this should be provided at a follow up appointment.

If you do not have a follow up appointment booked and have an enquiry regarding an appointment in the unit, please contact the Monash Children's on 13 KIDS (13 5437) or 8572 3000 (Switchboard)

In special circumstances or if you have prior arrangements with your neurologist you may be contacted by your child's doctor who will discuss the report

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CONTACT US

Medical practitioners

The need for referral for **urgent EEG** should be discussed with the on call Fellow/Consultant. For complex & urgent referrals contact the on-call neurology team: **9594 6666**

Parental enquiries

For all calls, emails or messages, please provide your child's:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Hospital reference number
- Treating Consultant
- Nature of your enquiry

This will assist us in directing your enquiry to the right person the first time and enable timely follow up to your enquiry.

Submit a fax referral

Fax referral form to Specialist Consulting Services: 9554 2273

Submit a referral via email

scmonashchildrens@monashhealth.org

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