Monash Children’s Hospital
Referral Guidelines
PAEDIATRIC PLASTIC & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

EXCLUSIONS
Services not offered by Monash Children’s Hospital

Patients over 18 years of age: Refer to Monash Hospital – [Click here] for adult Monash Health Plastic & Reconstructive surgery guidelines

CONDITIONS

Cleft lip and palate service
Craniomaxillofacial anomalies; congenital and acquired
Ear anomalies / differences
Breast & chest anomalies / differences
Nasal deformity
General plastic surgery and reconstruction
Trauma; craniomaxillofacial, hand, general
Hand surgery; congenital and acquired

PRIORITY
All referrals received are triaged by Monash Children’s Hospital 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

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REFERRAL
How to refer to Monash Children’s Hospital

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

CONTACT US
Medical practitioners
To discuss complex & urgent referrals
contact: On-call registrar via Monash Health Contact Centre: 9594 6666

General enquiries
Phone: 8572 3004

Submit a referral
All referrals are submitted online to Monash Children’s Hospital. Please use the link below to find the details.
Secure eReferrals | Monash Health

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Click here to download the outpatient referral form
CLEFT LIP & PALATE SERVICE

Initial GP Work Up
• Referral for Cleft clinic including relevant past medical history

Management Options for GP
• N/A

WHEN TO REFER?

Routine
All referrals for antenatal review and newborn assessment should be directed to Cleft co-ordinator:
Phone: (03) 8572 3833
Mobile: 0400 822 351
Email: amy.mcleod@monashhealth.org

CRANIOMAXILLOFACIAL ANOMALIES, CONGENITAL OR ACQUIRED

Initial GP Work Up
• Referral for Craniofacial clinic including relevant past medical history

Management Options for GP
• N/A

WHEN TO REFER?

Routine
Craniomaxillofacial anomalies including craniosynostosis, hemifacial microsomia, vascular malformation, haemangioma, facial nerve palsy

EAR ANOMALIES / DIFFERENCES

Initial GP Work Up
• N/A

Management Options for GP
• N/A

WHEN TO REFER?

Urgent
• Traumatic ear deformities, split earlobes
• If secondary to acute trauma, must be reviewed within 2 weeks

Routine
• Congenital ear deformities, microtia, protruding ears, constricted ears
• Ear tags, ear keloids, split earlobes, traumatic ear deformities (please clarify if acute trauma)
BREAST & CHEST ANOMALIES / DIFFERENCES

Initial GP Work Up
• N/A

Management Options for GP
• N/A

WHEN TO REFER?

Routine
• Congenital anomalies of breast including Poland syndrome, tuberous breasts, breast reduction, breast asymmetry, supernumerary nipple, aplasia breast / nipple
• Gynaeomastia
• See Appendix 1: Aesthetic procedures and indications for surgery in Victorian public health services - health.vic

NASAL DEFORMITY

Initial GP Work Up
• Imaging as applicable

Management Options for GP
• N/A

WHEN TO REFER?

Emergency
If immediately post trauma refer to Monash Health
Emergency Department

Urgent
If secondary to acute trauma, must be reviewed between 5 and 10 days post injury (ideally 7 days)

Routine
Dependent on severity

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GENERAL PLASTIC SURGERY AND RECONSTRUCTION

Initial GP Work Up
- Include pathology report and other relevant investigations
- Include Ultrasound as applicable

Management Options for GP
- Do NOT perform punch biopsy if melanoma suspected; refer for biopsy / confirmation of diagnosis

WHEN TO REFER?

Emergency
Referrals for acute burn injuries should be directed immediately to Monash Health Emergency Department

Urgent
- Melanoma (confirmed or suspected), other skin cancers
- Foreign body removal, chronic sores and ulcers

Routine
Scar revision, scar management including post burn, vascular malformations, lymphoedema, chalazion or stye, benign skin lesion, subcutaneous and deep tissue tumours, congenital melanocytic naevus / giant naevus

TRAUMA; CRANIOMAXILLOFACIAL, HAND, GENERAL

Initial GP Work Up
- X-ray or Ultrasound as applicable
- Include details of functional impairment in referral

Management Options for GP
- N/A

WHEN TO REFER?

Emergency
Referrals for open fractures and acute injuries including burns should be directed immediately to Monash Health Emergency Department

Urgent
Closed fractures, subacute injuries

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**Initial GP Work Up**
- Hand X-ray or Ultrasound as applicable
- Include details of functional impairment in referral

**Management Options for GP**
- N/A