

WHAT IS 'DIRECT ACCESS' ENDOSCOPY?

Our aim is to provide assistance to your patients in understanding 'Direct Access' Endoscopy, and who would be suitable for this procedure.

Open Access Endoscopy or Direct Access Endoscopy is the direct patient referral for a routine colonoscopy or gastroscopy from a GP to Chesterville Day Hospital in Melbourne. No prior consultation with a specialist is required.

The benefits of Open Access Endoscopy or Direct Access Endoscopy include reduced waiting time, reduced costs (as no prior consultation is required), and enabling continuity of care between the patient and GP (as results are provided to the GP following the procedure).

Direct Access Suitability

Direct Access Endoscopy is most suitable for patients with a definite indication for an Endoscopy such as:

- Positive Faecal Occult Blood test
- National Bowel screening program
- Family history of colorectal cancer
- Anaemia
- Difficulty swallowing
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Rectal bleeding
- Change in usual bowel habit
- Diarrhoea (stool culture negative)
- Unexplained abdominal pain → than 6 weeks
- Unexplained weight loss

Our Specialists

Our specialists are highly regarded Melbourne Gastroenterologists, who provide high quality and timely diagnostic & therapeutic endoscopic services.

- Dr Chat Jayasekera
- Dr Michael Merrett
- A/Prof Alan Moss
- Dr Lani Prideaux
- Dr Anthony Rode
- Dr Michael Swan
- A/Prof Alex Hodge
- Dr Gauri Mishra
- Dr Rimma Goldberg
- Dr Adam Gordon



Direct Access Exclusions

Not all patients are suitable for Open Access Endoscopy or Direct Access Endoscopy. Referral to a Specialist for consultation is recommended prior to GI Endoscopy for patients:

- Younger than 16 years or older than 80 years
- Active and significant co-morbidities
- Poor mobility
- BMI →40

4 SIMPLE REFERRAL STEPS VIA HEALTHLINK

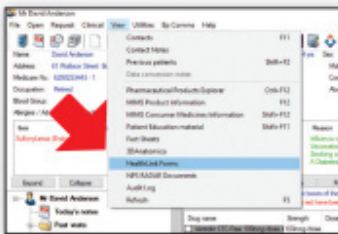
Make E-Referrals to Chesterville Day Hospital Easy

- + Quick & Simple
- + Healthlink ID: chesdayh
- + Professional
- + Loved by GPs

Your Quick Guide

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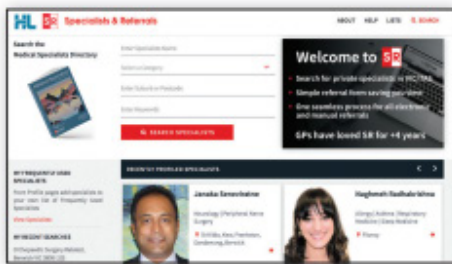
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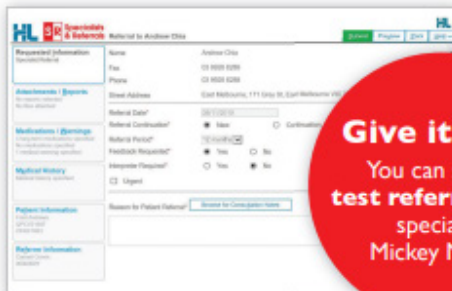
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4 Simple Referral Steps

- 1 Search** by Name or by category and suburb/postcode.
- 2 Select** specialist and preferred location. You can choose from both e-refer and manual refer (fax) locations.



- 3 Complete** easy pre-populated form – enter reason for referral, select consult notes, add attachments ...
- 4 Submit** form, see e-refer delivery status immediately or print manual referral. The referral will be stored in the letters tab (MD) or correspondence out section (BP). Print referral and hand to patient.



Give it a go!
You can send a
test referral to the
specialist
Mickey Mouse

Making easy
E-referrals:



Quick guide to
E-referrals:

