

Dubbo Health Service

General Surgery

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| Referral framework description**All referrals are to include information below.**  | **Send referral to…** **Dubbo -** Send referral via Argus to WNSWLHD-ccdubsmc@health.nsw.gov.au**or****Fax to: (02) 6809 7441** |

**Name of clinical condition / presentation**

* General Surgery

**Indications for specialist referral**

* Anything of a general surgical nature

**Referral Information required**

* Patient Current Contact Details
* Current Medications
* Allergies
* Comorbidities (asthma, diabetes, cardiac problems, anticoagulant therapy etc)
* History / Presenting Symptoms

**Investigations required with the Referral**

* All Radiology results relating to condition
* Current Pathology up to 6 months old
* Previous history relating to condition

**Initial management**

* Exclude a surgical/medical emergency

 **‘Red Flag’ items**

* Acute surgical problems

**How to access care in the event of a ‘red flag’**

* If patient symptoms require hospitalisation in GP opinion then refer to Emergency Department at Dubbo Hospital. If all other patients require surgical attention before the next available outpatient clinic need to send patient to emergency.

**Other information**

Direct access for Endoscopy available for suitable patients outside of Dubbo. See attached referral template. [General Surgery Direct Access Endoscopy Form.pdf](file:///%5C%5Cwha-dub-dc01%5CPHN%5CPrimary_Healthcare%5CGPLO%5CService%20Descriptions%20%20%20Referral%20frameworks%5CDHS%20Service%20Description%20Referral%20Framework%5CMedical%20Services%20DHB%20Serv%20Description%5CFINALS%2026062018%5CGeneral%20Surgery%20Direct%20Access%20Endoscopy%20Form.pdf)