# Orange Health Service Palliative Care Specialist Service





# Referral framework

All referrals are to include information below.

During normal working hours, contact Palliative Care Nurses on 6369 3371 to discuss any referrals.

Hours of service are Monday-Friday 8-4.30pm

Send referral to Orange Palliative Care

Orange - Send referral

Fax referral (02) 6360 3191

## Name of clinical condition / presentation

Palliative Care Specialist Service

#### Indications for specialist referral

- Patient considered to have less than 12 months prognosis in addition to one of the below;
  - Uncontrolled complex symptoms
  - End of life support
  - Complex psychosocial issues

#### Referral information required

- Patient Name, Address, DOB, Phone number
- First Person contact details Name, Address,
   Phone number, relationship to patient
- GP details
- Disease Status Diagnosis, Date of diagnosis, Site of metastases (if applicable), past/ current management of this diagnosis
- Reason for referral current issues
- Relevant past medical history
- Current medications
- Known allergies
- Is the patient and family/carer aware of the referral?
- Urgency to be seen? Within 24hrs, 24-72 hours, Non urgent.

# **Initial Required**

Recent Scans, x-rays, pathology results

#### Please send referral to

 Orange Palliative Care Team, Orange Health Service Fax (02) 6360 3191

# 'Red Flag' items

Uncontrolled symptoms



### How to access care in the event of a 'red flag'

- Phone the Orange Palliative Care Team on (02) 6369 3371 Monday-Friday 0800 – 1630hrs
- There is a WNSW LHD Palliative Care After Hours Advice Line – patients must be known to the Palliative Care Team at Orange Health Service to contact this number

#### Other information

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