

animalius Tips to optimise your referrals

- Have all the relevant patient information readily accessible before starting your referral.
- Always send your anaesthetic record: it helps us plan.
- Use a structured approach to write your referral. For example:

P	Preparation	S	Situation
I	Identification	B	Background
Q	Question	A	Assessment
U	Urgency	R	Request
E	Education Modifications		
D	Discussion		

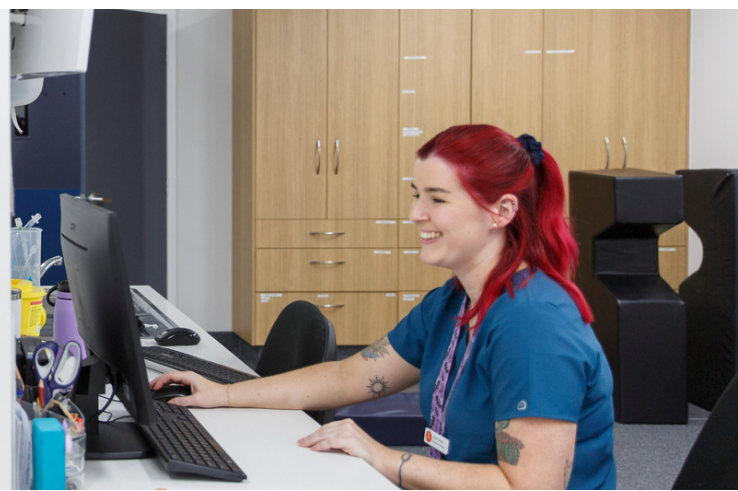
Medicine, Dentistry & Surgery

- Communicate your primary concern, all the comorbidities and state whether your concerns are different to the clients.
- Collate and curate documents: Label them!
- Don't start new medications (especially antibiotics), immediately before referral. If in doubt, seek advice.

Rads, biospy results,
blood work

Highlight urgency

Accurate list of
comorbidities &
associated workup



Pain Clinic

- Provides a plan: assessment, pharmaceutical options, interventional procedures.
- Does not provide diagnosis or diagnostic interpretation. Please provide these.

Radiology outpatient studies (US, CT, MRI)

- For these cases, you have primary control and are responsible for managing the results, next steps (including medications or treatments), and any referral to another service.

Provide:

Clear clinical question

Provisional diagnosis

Relevant clinical history & additional diagnosis

Red flags!

Highlight red flags: are there any specific concerns or dangers that you are aware of? Is there anything else important we need to know? Medications, comorbidities, surgeries?



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