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Pelvic Mesh Clinic Referral Pathway

Woman presents to GP questioning whether she has pelvic mesh

GP ascertains woman has had pelvic surgery and suggests referral to treating surgeon

Woman agrees to be referred to previous treating surgeon

GP refers woman to previous treating surgeon

Treating surgeon may refer to Pelvic Mesh Clinic using the Pelvic Mesh Patient Referral Form

Woman declines referral to previous treating surgeon

- GP undertakes comprehensive patient history, including:
  - Medical
  - Surgical
  - Obstetric
  - Menstrual
  - Current medicines
  - Current therapies, and
- Undertakes speculum vaginal examination and bimanual abdominal examination
- Undertakes investigations:
  - Complete blood picture
  - Vaginal swab
  - Urinalysis

Assessment determines no pelvic complications or ongoing symptoms

GP provides counselling and the Pelvic Mesh Consumer Support Line 1800 666 374 (1800 66 MESH)

Assessment determines potential pelvic mesh complications

GP facilitates:
- referral for ultrasound
- review patient medical record through Freedom of Information (FOI) process

Pelvic Mesh Consumer Support Line to assist with securing medical record with FOI Fee waiver

GP confirms use of pelvic mesh as per information provided with patient history, medical record and physical assessment

Medical Officer completes Pelvic Mesh Patient Referral Form

Medical Officer refers to Pelvic Mesh Clinic via the Pelvic Mesh triage nurse using Pelvic Mesh Patient Referral Form

Medical Officer secures approval from patient to share medical record

Pelvic Mesh triage nurse determines assessment information available, using the:
- Completed Pelvic Mesh Patient Referral Form
- Formal History
- Medical record review and will facilitate any necessary medical

Pelvic Mesh Clinic Lead Medical Officer assesses patient assessment and determines suitability for further complex care assessment

Pelvic Mesh Clinic triage nurse liaises with patient to book multidisciplinary assessment case conference

Assessment determines no pelvic mesh complications but woman has ongoing pelvic symptoms

Assessment determines use of pelvic mesh not suspected

GP considers referral
- pelvic floor physio
- continence nurse
- analgesia
- topical oestrogen

If stress urinary incontinence follow the **Safety and Quality Pathway**

If pelvic organ prolapse follow the **Safety and Quality Pathway**

If patient has ongoing complaint(s) GP should consider referral to Gynaecologist

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