

# OUTPATIENT GP REFERRAL GUIDELINES NEPHROLOGY

Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN)

## **Nephrology Referral**

### **Information Required**

- Reason for referral
- Whether eGFR is stable or declining
- Interpreter required
- Mobility (e.g Wheelchair)

#### Past Medical History

- Cardio vascular disease Y / N
- Diabetes mellitus
- Y/N
- Hypertension
- Y/N
- Other medical comorbidities -
- Family History
- Medication list
- Blood pressure readings

#### **Investigations Required**

- Current eGFR and MBA20 (including potassium, LFT's, Ca, Phop, Mg, globulins, glucose)
- All previous creatinine readings
- Full blood count
- Iron studies if anaemic
- Urine ACR
- Urine dipstix for blood
- Urine Cast assessment
- Renal Ultrasound

#### **Fax Referral to**

Flinders Medical Centre Nephrology Outpatients Fax: 8204 6060

### **Red Flags**

For admission or urgent advice contact the Flinders Medical Centre on 8204 5511 and page the Renal Registrar on-call *or* refer to the **Emergency Department** 

The following conditions should **not** be referred to clinic

- Acute Kidney Injury requiring admission
- eGFR <15mls/min
- Hyperkalaemia
- Malignant Hypertension
  - Rapidly Progressive Glomerulonephritis
    - SLE
    - Vasculitis
    - Antiglomerular Basement Membrane Disease

## **Suggested GP Management**

- Medical Management to maintain BP<130/80mmHg</li>
- Reduction / cessation of renally excreted medication once eGFR <60ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>
- Assessment of absolute cardiovascular risk
- Reduce CVD risk
- Avoidance of nephrotoxic medications
- Lifestyle modifications
- Lipid lowering treatment
- Glycaemic control

## **Clinical Resources**

Refer KHA Handbook for GP's

http://www.kidney.org.au/

General Information to assist with referrals and the and Referral templates for FMC and RGH are available to download from the SALHN Outpatient Services website <a href="https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients</a>

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