From 1 May 2017, suitable patients may be referred directly for endoscopy services at one of the four public hospitals within Metro South Health

**Direct Access Endoscopy**

Welcome to Direct Access Endoscopy (DAE), the pathway to diagnostic endoscopic procedures across Metro South Health facilities.

DAE will:

- provide patients with the most direct pathway to public endoscopy services in the region;
- reduce waiting time for patients who do not require a specialist appointment prior to the procedure; and
- be the only direct method and point of entry to each Metro South Health facility endoscopy list.

Suitable patients can be referred to DAE for suspected malignancy, positive FOBT, follow-up or surveillance procedures (no greater than 3 months from due date), strong family history of gastrointestinal cancers or confirmation of coeliac disease with positive serology (or strong suspicion despite negative serology).

Once the procedure is completed, the proceduralist will provide the referring GP with the histology results along with a brief report of the findings and recommendations for follow up.

**Criteria:**

- Under 75 year old.
- BMI under 35
- Not on anticoagulation/antiplatelet therapy (including but not limited to warfarin, clopidogrel).
- No prior conditions of anaesthetic/procedural risks (including but not limited to IV access complications, sleep apnoea, implanted defibrillator).
- No alcohol or drug dependancy.
- No major comorbidities (including but not limited to cardiovascular, respiratory, renal dysfunction). Only eligible to ASA PS1 and some ASA PS2 (further assessment required).

From 1 May 2017, please fill out the DAE referral form, print and fax to the Central Referral Hub.

The DAE referral form will be available from 1 May 2017.


Please contact the Gastroenterology Unit at your local hospital should you require information on specific patients.

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