

Referral framework

All referrals are to include information below.

During normal working hours, contact the Neurology Secretary (Carol Cary-Edwards, 68097405) or the Neurophysiology Technician (Brendan Davies, 68096006) to discuss any referrals.

Send referral to...

Dubbo - Send referral via Argus to WNSWLHD-ccdubsmc@health.nsw.gov.au or

Fax referral to (02) 6881 6569

Name of clinical condition / presentation

- Neurology –Outpatients
- Neurophysiology - Outpatients

Indications for specialist referral

- Dementia and cognitive impairment
- Motor neurone disease
- Movement disorders
- Multiple sclerosis and neuroinflammatory disorders
- Myopathy and neuromuscular junction disorders
- Neuro-ophthalmology after consideration of initial ophthalmology review
- Neurovascular disease including stroke
- Peripheral or cranial neuropathy
- Seizures and epilepsy
- Severe or chronic headaches & migraines
- Spinal disorders after consideration of initial neurosurgical review
- Suspected neurodegenerative or genetic disorders

Referral information required

- All referrals will be triaged on the basis of clinical information supplied in the referral.
- Patients will be seen by a neurologist as quickly as possible.
- Neurophysiology Referral information [Dubbo Neurophysiology Amb Care](#)

Investigations required

- This varies significantly for each patient.
- EEG and nerve conduction studies may be useful to help triage urgency, and are generally accessed faster than an outpatient clinic review (there is no formal clinical review as part of these tests so if review is required as well, that needs to be clear in the referral and will be a separate appointment).

Initial management

Thorough investigation by GP prior to referral

'Red Flag' items

Please consider directly referring patients with these conditions to the Emergency Department.

- New onset or uncontrolled seizures
- New or uncontrolled neurological conditions in pregnancy
- Suspected stroke
- Conditions threatening imminent and permanent loss of neurological function



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

Fax referral. In emergencies, consider sending patient to hospital. For urgent cases, consider phoning 6809 7400 (Specialist rooms) or 6809 6809 (Hospital switchboard) to contact the neurologist.

Other information