



Rheumatology CPC

Evidence Statement

The Clinical Prioritisation Criteria (CPC) were created using a comprehensive consultation, review, and feedback process. Clinical Pathway Group (CPG) members employed a standardised yet adaptable methodology to complete the CPC's development. This included the selection of clinical leads through self-nomination or nomination by peers.

The CPG comprised of representatives from various healthcare fields, including clinicians, general practitioners, allied health professionals, and nurses. The CPC development was informed by a variety of sources, such as current clinical practice, research, existing guidelines, as well as relevant SA Health policies.

CPC development was informed by:

- existing local, national and international guidelines and/or criteria (refer to references below)
- evidence based practice recommendations
- SA Health policy guidelines
- national definitions for elective surgery urgency categories (AIHW)

Where possible, the CPC represents current clinical consensus about criteria for accessing specialist care and treatment to public specialist outpatient services in South Australia. This CPC will be reviewed and updated every 2 years, to ensure they are reflective of contemporary practices.

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