

OUTPATIENT SERVICE DESCRIPTION & TRIAGE GUIDELINES

COLORECTAL SURGERY

Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN)

Description of Service

Colorectal Surgery services are provided at Flinders Medical Centre and Repatriation General Hospital. Click on the following links for referral and management guidelines for specific conditions. All required information and investigations outlined in these links need to be provided on the referral to enable appropriate triaging. Referrals that do not include enough required information to allow triage will be returned to the referring doctor.

- [Rectal bleeding](#)

Services provided

Management of:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonic dysmotility disorders • Colorectal cancer • Faecal incontinence • Fissure in ano • Fistula in ano | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haemorrhoids • Overt rectal bleeding • Pelvic floor disorders • Rectal prolapse • General Surgical procedures |
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For admission or URGENT advice contact the Colorectal Surgery Unit Registrar at Flinders Medical Centre (FMC)

(08) 8204 5511

For appointments FAX referral to the Colorectal Surgery Clinic

(08) 8204 5555

Triage Criteria for Referral

Category 1 Target within 1 month Current wait > 1 month*	Category 2 Target within 3 months Current wait > 2 years	Category 3 N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Symptoms suggestive of colorectal cancer ▪ Life threatening conditions <p>*proven cancers are seen within 2 weeks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Family history of colorectal cancer for colonoscopy ▪ Haemorrhoidal symptoms ▪ All other 	

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 www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients

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