



Patient Referral Criteria Policy

Policy: Patient Referral criteria as set by ARCH Trustees and Clinical Board

Purpose: To give clear guidelines to the patient's general practitioners as to the understanding of the Term:

“Unable to afford medical treatment”

Note the:

- Patient requires a referral from a general practitioner
- ARCH does not require patients to be asset tested or to provide proof of income
- The general practitioner and patient are requested to provide patient referral form, patient medical history and patient declaration at time of referral

Referral Criteria:

Associated Documents:

- Patients declaration
- Patient referral form
- Pre-operative questionnaire
- Pre-admission record

1	That the patient is a NZ permanent resident / NZ Citizen.
2	Patient has received letter from the relevant DHB removing them from the waiting list or declining surgery.
3	That the patient does not have private medical insurance; is unable to afford private medical treatment; and does not have an ACC claim for their condition.
4	That the patient is known to the general practitioner.
5	That the patient has given verbal indications both during the present consultation and previous consultations indicating an inability to pay for private treatment.

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