



Pilot for testing the functionality of the VSRF+ Information for GPs July 2008

GPs are invited to participate in the testing of a standardised referral template to improve patient access to outpatient departments in public hospitals. The pilot will be focussed on practices using Medical Director software only.

Specialists in Urology, Orthopaedics and Obstetrics have identified the clinical information which will assist in the triage and appropriate management of patients in the outpatient setting. This work has resulted in the development of referral templates (called VSRF+) which incorporate best practice investigations prior to referral for each of these 3 clinical areas.

You are encouraged to be part of the testing of the proposed referral templates in the general practice setting. Thirty GPs across the state will be part of the pilot.

To participate you will need to

- Use the provided mock patient data and the new electronic VSRF + template to generate 5 referrals for one type of clinic from your Medical Director. (ie either produce 5 maternity, 5 orthopaedic, or 5 urology referrals).
- Complete a brief questionnaire about the referral process and data requirements.
- Provide the printed referrals and completed questionnaire to the project team.

To complete the above you will be provided with the electronic referral template and mock patient data to be installed and later removed from your desktop.

The time commitment for each GP is two hours which can be done at your convenience. The remuneration is \$240 (2 x \$120 per hour) and the activity will need to be completed by the middle of August.

GP participants will need to have Medical Director, have access to the internet and an email address for project support. Once enrolled in the pilot you will be informed when the data will be available from the NEVDGP website. A help desk will also be available by phone to provide you with assistance in this process.

The pilot will produce 150 dummy referrals (50 urology, 50 maternity and 50 orthopaedic referrals). These will be assessed by Nurse Unit Managers from outpatient departments who will assess whether the standard referrals would result in improved triage and access to care.

Comments from the 30 participating GPs and the Nurse Unit Managers will be compiled and analysed by GPV and forwarded to DHS to contribute to the development of the final products. Participating GPs will be sent a report summary.

To participate please complete the following registration:

VSRF + registration

Email. j.measday@gpv.org.au or FaxBack 9341 5299

Name:	
Practice:	
Division of General Practice	
Email address	
Phone	Mobile

Indicate your preference of type of referral by numbering the boxes below

maternity

urology

orthopaedics

Please tick boxes that best describe your practice

solo

small group practice

large group practice

other _____

metro setting

urban fringe

regional

other _____

Payment Details

You will be forwarded \$240 + GST on completion of

- 5 printed referrals
- completed questionnaire
- a tax invoice

The above should be sent by post to Jane Measday, GPV, 458 Swanston St, Carlton Vic 3053

For further information contact Jane Measday : 9341 5220 or 0408 543 945