

GUIDELINE: Referral to Specialist Palliative Medicine Outpatient Clinic

The Palliative Medicine Medical Outpatient Clinic at Nelson Tasman Hospice provides specialist assessment for patients with life-limiting illness where complex symptoms and/or other concerns have been identified.

Outpatient Clinic takes place at Nelson Tasman Hospice every Tuesday morning.

Referral Criteria for the Palliative Medicine Outpatient Clinic:

Referrals are accepted for patients with a diagnosis of an advanced, progressive, life-limiting illness who have complex palliative medical needs requiring review by a consultant in Palliative Medicine.

How to refer to the Specialist Palliative Medicine Outpatient Clinic:

- Referrals from Hospital Consultants or General Practitioners may be made by completing a Nelson Tasman Hospice referral form or sending a formal referral letter
- Referrals can also be made by a member of the Nelson Tasman Hospice Specialist Palliative Care team following consultation with the patient's General practitioner

For further information please contact Nelson Tasman Hospice via:

Tel: +643 546 3950

Fax: +643 5463951

Email: enquiries@nelsonhospice.org.nz

Policies and Guidelines	Clinical	Referral to Specialist Palliative Medicine Outpatient Clinic
Date Initiated: Jan 2018	Last Review Date:	Next Review Date: Jan 2021
Stakeholder:	Stakeholder:	Stakeholder:
Lead Facilitator name: Jodie Battley	Lead Facilitator position: Medical Director	Lead Facilitator signature:
Coordinator name: Janet Mace	Coordinator position CGC	Coordinator signature:
Authoriser name: Frans Dellebeke	Authoriser position: CEO	Authoriser signature: