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| **GUIDELINES: Referral Guidelines to Nelson Tasman Hospice Service****including Clinical Criteria for Patients** |

**OVERVIEW**

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

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**REVIEW**

This guideline will be reviewed two yearly.

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