

REFERRALS TO PDS PAEDIATRIC PAIN & CARIES PATHWAY.

Indicators for referral for extraction of carious teeth under General Anaesthesia (extractions only)/Sedation/Behaviour Management (non-urgent)

- A child in pain/recurrent episodes of pain and/or sepsis and all other treatment options have been considered and attempted
- GA more likely to be considered where the patient is:
 - Is un-cooperative
 - Has multi quadrant extensive caries
 - Has multiple sites of pain and/or sepsis
 - Is an irregular attender

Indicators for URGENT referral for extraction of carious teeth under General Anaesthesia

- **When there is a swelling extending to the eye, which is closing**
- **Swelling increasing in size despite 24 hours of antibiotic therapy**
- **Child has been unable to take fluids for 24 hours**

Referrals are NOT accepted for:

- Routine primary care (e.g. caries in cooperative children).
- Orthodontic extractions under GA.

Indications for referral for extraction:

- Referral for extraction should be seen as part of an overall management plan. **The referring dentist retains responsibility for patient continuing care.** Prior to extraction, much can be done in the way of managing expectations, acclimatisation and home care.
- Once a child has been accepted for GA extractions a radical approach is taken and all primary teeth with established caries are extracted. This is to minimise the risk of a repeat GA episode.

How to send your referral to us:

Routine referrals will be sent via SCI Gateway. If an urgent referral is required this should also be sent via SCI Gateway, prioritised as urgent. This should then be followed up with a telephone call to our team at Floor 1 who will allocate an appointment slot.

Telephone number: 0141 232 6323

Please note if SCI Gateway is unavailable please fax a completed SCI Gateway template to: 0141 333 1127

Inappropriate / inadequate referrals will be returned. Your compliance with the above guidelines will avoid unnecessary delays in patient care.