

# Summary of Victorian State-Wide Referral Criteria for Glaucoma

Modified from:

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/patient-care/minimum-information-referrals-non-admitted-specialist-services> and <https://src.health.vic.gov.au/glaucoma>

## Criteria for referral to public hospital specialist clinic services

The management of:

- advanced glaucoma
- unstable, progressive glaucoma.

## Referral to a public hospital is not appropriate for

- Requests for the diagnosis or ongoing management of glaucoma suspect, ocular hypertension or stable early and moderate glaucoma.
  - NOTE: The referral should note that the request is for advice on, or review of the current management plan as requests for a second opinion will usually not be accepted.

## Information that must be provided

- Patient demographic information
  - Full name, date of birth, name of parent or carer (if applicable)
  - Address, telephone number(s), email address and preferred method of communication
  - Medicare number
  - if a person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin
  - any requirements to ensure cultural safety (including family violence safety)
  - language other than English (if applicable), reliance on a carer, reliance on cultural, linguistic or disability support (for example, need for an interpreter), reliance on transport or accommodation support
  - medical treatment decision-maker, support person or carer (if any)
  - contact details for usual GP
- Referrer demographic information
  - full name, address, telephone number(s) and if appropriate fax number
  - email address and preferred method of communication
  - Medicare provider number
- Date of Referral
- The reason for referral and assessment of clinical urgency
- The service(s) requested
- Current patient management
  - Required referral information specified by statewide referral criteria:
    - Comprehensive eye and vision assessment performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, with refraction, that includes:
      - intraocular pressure and
      - visual field test for both eyes performed in the last 3 months
    - Presence of any of the following:
      - secondary glaucoma
      - if the patient has only one seeing eye
      - multiple ocular surgeries
      - ocular trauma.

**Provide if available**

- Central corneal thickness measurement for both eyes performed in the last 3 months
- Optical coherence tomography (OCT) including retinal nerve fibre layer results
- Optic disc photos