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Fremantle Hospital Glaucoma Update

Fremantle Hospital has recently advised that unfortunately their complex glaucoma ophthalmologist has resigned. Consequently, as of December 2019, FHS will no longer be able to provide care for surgical glaucoma or complex glaucoma cases.

FHS is currently negotiating with RPH and SCGH to accept these patients, but at this stage a plan has not been agreed.

FHS are requesting that surgical glaucoma or complex glaucoma referrals in the FHS postcode catchment area should not be automatically referred to FHS. Instead, please discuss with the on-call Ophthalmology Registrar at FHS first or with Ophthalmology at RPH or SCGH.

FHS will still be accommodating general medical glaucoma. However, wait times may be significant. As previously noted, I recommend the referring optometrist manage or arrange management of these patients until their appointment at FHS.

If optometrists wish to refer surgical or complex glaucoma patients direct to SCGH or RPH using the named ophthalmologist protocol, I have listed the glaucoma specialists at these two hospitals below.

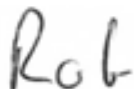
SCGH

- Dr Antony Clark PhD, FRANZCO Glaucoma & Strabismus

RPH

- Prof William H Morgan, PhD, FRANZCO Glaucoma
- Dr Antonio Giubilato, FRANZCO Glaucoma
- Dr Rhuju Mehta, FRANZCO Glaucoma (Locum)

Kind regards,



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