

## **Now Live Radiology eReferrals** added to the CareConnect eReferrals library for submission to the metro-Auckland DHB Radiology departments.

The CareConnect eReferrals form is available for GPs from **Wednesday 12 June**. The regional Access to Diagnostics referral criteria have been built into the forms.

These are the DHB-funded access criteria which were developed under the GAIHN Access to Diagnostics project and are based upon consideration of both best-practice but also necessary affordability. They have been agreed through consultation with relevant clinical specialities and primary care representatives and dovetail with other clinical pathways and clinical screening.

The scope of the Access to Diagnostics criteria has been expanded for eReferrals to include the **Paediatric** age group, **Nuclear medicine** procedures and further breast presentations.

We are pleased to add this new addition to CareConnect eReferrals library and believe the inclusion of Radiology forms offers many benefits for both referrers and patients including:

- acknowledgement of successful submission
- mitigating current clinical risk with failed fax transmission
- ensuring referrals for specific investigations which are provided by other services or specific departments will be directed automatically to the correct service
- ensuring all information required by the radiology department is prompted for at the time of referral
- point of referral triage with selecting the relevant referral access criteria on the referral obviating the need to triage on receipt and subsequent return of request
- forms include helpful information / guidance re current standard imaging approaches and regional services available
- minimising delays to request activation and patients receiving imaging procedures through all the above

The Proextra tool, deployed in Auckland and Counties Manukau ProCare practices, will remain in use for making requests for X-rays and U/S scans to private community radiology practices from your allocated DHB budget. Referrals to DHB Radiology Services should use CareConnect eReferrals forms and processes.

The three DHB's, Auckland, Counties Manukau and Waitemata and their representatives from both primary care and the Radiology department have worked closely together on the development of the referral template to ensure there is consistency of access across the region and good coverage of anticipated clinical scenarios. We acknowledge it will take time to move to the new eReferrals form and current paper and Proextra referrals will be accepted for a transitional period.

We welcome feedback and queries via the [e-referrals website](#) or direct to

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