

ENDODONTIC REFERRAL GUIDELINES

RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY DEPARTMENT

Please read these guidelines prior to completing a referral

We welcome the following referrals:

- Teeth with severe curvatures greater than 40°.
- Complex root canal anatomy e.g. bifid canals, dens-in-dente.
- Non-vital anterior teeth with immature apices in adults, please refer paediatric patients to salaried services.
- Location or negotiation of sclerosed canals in strategic teeth such as bridge abutments or distal abutments for removable prosthesis.
- First molar teeth where there is a compelling medical need, such as patients on bisphosphonates or those who have undergone radiotherapy to the head and neck region. Additionally where there is a functional requirement for such tooth retention. These will only be accepted if there is sufficient coronal dentine circumferentially of approximately 3-4mm and good periodontal health.
- Removal of fractured posts or instruments in anterior and premolar teeth with favourable prognosis.

The following categories **will not** be considered for treatment:

- Patients with poor oral hygiene and existing primary dental disease
- Patients with periodontally involved teeth with questionable prognosis
- Teeth of questionable restorability, i.e. limited coronal tooth structure remaining (less than 3-4mm circumferentially)
- Where there has not been an attempt to treat or re-treat root canals that are considered to be negotiable clinically or radiographically.
- Patients unwilling to meet financial costs in practice.
- Patients with limited mouth opening <25mm.
- Second and third molars.
- Patients who are 'keen to save' but the prognosis of such teeth is considered poor.
- Dentally anxious patients requiring general anaesthesia, inhalational or intravenous sedation.

Referrals

University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL) NHS Trust which includes Alliance and Community Hospital sites no longer accepts paper or fax referrals from GPs to Consultant-led outpatient services.

Please refer your patient to the appropriate service electronically, using the Referral Management System (RMS) for Central Midlands.

RMS offers services across all outpatient specialties. If you cannot find a service specific to the patient's condition, please refer into the "general" service of the appropriate specialty.

All practices should refer using the electronic online referral process as detailed in the letter that all practices should have received, from the Dental Referral Management Centre

(DRMC). As outlined in the letter received from the DRMC, you will need to follow the instructions and register online for your log-in via the website at www.dental-referrals.org under the section for Central Midlands.

If you are unable to register online for any reason then please complete the information requested in their letter as soon as possible and return to:

Dental Referral Management Centre
Unit 6 Stannian Fold
Pool Lane
Lymm
Cheshire WA13 9AB

Or alternatively you can email this to – d.referrals@nhs.net