

EXAMPLE REFERRAL LETTER

Dr Smart
Doctors surgery
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Specialist
Specialist Clinic
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Dear Mr Specialist

Re: Mrs Jones, 42 Wallaby Way, Sydney

Thank you for seeing Agnetha Jones, 67 years old, regarding severe ongoing osteoarthritic pain in the knee possibly requiring knee replacement.

Current medicines:

Paracetamol 4g daily
Naproxen 500 mg BID

I have given Mrs Jones advice regarding <medicine> and advice that <medicine> will be ceased prior to scheduled surgery/ will be tapered to <dose> prior to scheduled surgery/cannot be stopped or reduced and will therefore require further consideration.

In addition Mrs Jones has had the following investigations to assess fitness for surgery.

Full Blood count:
Iron studies
Serum Ferritin: <insert result>
Serum Iron: <insert result>
Transferrin: <insert result>
<other test results>

Based on these results I have determined that Mrs Jones is fit for surgery/requires treatment with iron replacement therapy. Mrs Jones will be initiated on <insert agent> and reviewed again 4 weeks prior to scheduled surgery.

Could I request that a planned surgery timeline be forwarded to me to assist with patient preparation as well as any feedback regarding this patient's test results or current medicines.

Regards