

To ensure that your referral is triaged appropriately, please review this quality referral checklist as you create the referral.

PATIENT INFORMATION

Name, DOB, PHN, Address, Phone, Alternate contact, Translator required

PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION

Name, Phone, Fax, cc/Indicate if different from family physician

REFERRING PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

Name, Phone, Fax

TIPS FROM RHEUMATOLOGIST

CLEARLY STATE A REASON FOR REFERRAL

Diagnosis, management and / or treatment
Procedure issue / care transfer
Is patient aware of reason for referral?

→ Is this referral **URGENT**? Page Rheumatologist on call

SUMMARY OF PATIENT'S CURRENT STATUS

Stable, worsening or urgent / emergent
What do you think is going on?
Symptom onset / duration
Key symptoms and findings / Any red flags

→ Assess and describe which joints are affected, any joint swelling, pain and/or morning stiffness. Is there any impact on quality of life?

RELEVANT FINDINGS AND / OR INVESTIGATIONS (PERTINENT RESULTS ATTACHED)

What has been done & is available
What has been ordered & is pending

→ Ensure you have completed all required tests - Referral guidelines and requirements can be found in the Alberta Referral Directory (www.AlbertaReferralDirectory.ca) on the Rheumatology Central Access & Triage page.

For clinical pathways or other new resources, please visit www.specialistlink.ca/

CURRENT & PAST MANAGEMENT (LIST WITH OUTCOMES)

None
Unsuccessful / successful treatment(s)
Previous or concurrent consultations for this issue

→ Include any previous Rheumatology consult letters

COMORBIDITIES

Medical history
Pertinent concurrent medical problems

- List other physicians involved in care if long-term conditions

Current & recent medications

- Name, dosage, PRN basis

Allergies / Warnings & challenges

→ A complete medical history can help the consultant determine the complexity and urgency of the referral.