

Before you leave your doctor with a referral letter, you might want to:

Ask your GP

- for the name(s) of a recommended specialist
- about specialist options in either a public hospital clinic or a specialist private consultation room, as the pathway you choose may impact on your wait times and potential out of pocket costs.
- for referral letter(s) to recommended specialist(s)
- about the timeframe for consultation period (e.g. 6, 12, 18 months or indefinite)
- about any fees you may have to pay when you see a specialist

Ask your specialist

- about your treatment options
- about specialist options in either a public hospital clinic or a specialist private consultation room, as the pathway you choose may impact on your wait times and potential out of pocket costs.
- for referral letter(s) to recommended specialist(s) if you would like a second opinion
- about any fees you may have to pay. [Click here](#) to download the Australian Medical Association's Informed Consent Form to take with you to your next appointment.