

## Referral Pathways Colchester Hospital

Condition	Form	Referral Method
<b>Emergency &amp; Urgent</b>	LOC Referral form	Phone Primary Care Centre on 01206 286882 for advice, then, use NHS mail to email referral to chu-ftp. eyereferurgent@nhs.net There is a WhatsApp group with hospital consultants, where they can give advice on referrals. To join please email Emma at secretary@essex-loc.org
<b>Routine</b>	LOC Referral form	Use NHS mail to email referral to the Ophthalmology booking department for triage at chu-ftp. eyedepartment@nhs.net Or LOC referral form via GP
<b>IOP &gt;23</b>	LOC referral form	Refer direct to practitioner on GRR scheme via LOC referral form. Details of participating practices & restrictions at: <a href="http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php">http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php</a>
<b>MECS</b>	LOC Referral form	Refer to practitioner on MECs scheme via LOC referral form. Patients can self-refer or present having been sign-posted by any health care provider. Details of participating practices & conditions at: <a href="http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php">http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php</a>
<b>Paediatrics</b>	LOC Referral form	Patient can be referred to one of practices on list found at <a href="http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php">http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php</a> .
<b>Wet AMD</b>	LOC Referral form	No specialised pathway. Follow Emergency route as above, and mark as Urgent.
<b>Cataract</b>	LOC Referral form	No specialised pathway. Follow routine route as above. Referral must state if the patient wishes to have the operation. Alternatively, you can send directly to Newmedica at <a href="mailto:newmedica.referrals@nhs.net">newmedica.referrals@nhs.net</a> or Spa Medica at <a href="mailto:spamedica.referrals@nhs.net">spamedica.referrals@nhs.net</a> or the Oaks at <a href="mailto:RHC.oaks@nhs.net">RHC.oaks@nhs.net</a>
<b>Post Op Cataract Service</b>	Electronically via Opera system	If appropriate, second eye referral done through Opera online system. Emergency referrals: speak to on call Ophthalmologist as above.

In all cases you should choose the best referral pathway for your patient.

LOC Referral form available on LOC website at: <http://essex-loc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Ophthalmology-referral-pro-forma.pdf>

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