

## Outcome Pathways for POCS

When completing the post cataract operation assessment form, we have the following outcomes available. Please complete your assessment with one of the following:

1) Routine Referral to Treatment Centre - There are two reasons to use this:

Reason 1 - you are referring routinely for a new condition - this must be sent manually outside the portal and as per the local pathway - therefore anyone you want to be seen routinely for anything do not assume the portal refers, **YOU MUST send the referral**.

However, you simply use this outcome option to inform the hospital that their POCS patient has been referred for another condition.

Reason 2 - IF you have a patient that is currently already receiving treatment for and is therefore under the hospital for eg AMD, Glaucoma etc. Then please tick this outcome option - even if you are discharging them from the post op cataract portal - Please tell your patients with other conditions who are under the hospital that they must still keep their follow up appts at the hospital. Please therefore mark any px already undergoing/being seen for other conditions as "routine referral to treatment centre" even if you're "discharging" from POCS - this is to ensure that the hospital does not accidentally read your "discharge" as from ALL services. Suggest to write in the comments box "discharged from cataract service, patient to remain under the hospital for other conditions".

2) Emergency - this will follow normal emergency pathway - ie phone call to Trust - speak to Ophthalmologist and act on their instructions (the portal will not refer as an emergency). Use the emergency outcome option to simply inform the hospital that their POCS patient has been referred as an emergency.

3) Urgent - Firstly consider "what is this for?" - if it is cataract op related eg CMO then refer back to Provider of Cataract Op (ie SHUFT, MEHT, BMI, SpaMedica) manually using the normal urgent pathway - outside of the portal. If it is not cataract op related then refer using normal urgent pathway to the patient's chosen ophthalmology provider – again outside the portal. Use the urgent outcome option to simply inform the hospital that their POCS patient has been referred as an urgent.

4) Discharge - This is for all patients that you are discharging from the post op cataract service – EXCEPT those patients who are still to be seen in another clinic for another ocular condition. See above.

5) Second Eye - This is for every patient who has indicated need second eye surgery - please ensure they really do want the surgery . You DO NOT need to send a second eye referral manually as the portal covers this. Each provider accesses their portal daily and contacts the patient at some point to arrange the second eye surgery. Please do not tell patient any time frame for second eye as it will depend on waiting lists etc as normal and could be up to 18 weeks. (If px has anisometropia etc then flag this on the referral so the triager is aware)