



WHERE DOES MY NEURO PATIENT GO?

Decision tool for referring potential Neurology patients

★ A complete Neurological exam is crucial for the triaging process.



Complete Documented History, Physical and Neurological Exam



Symptom Type / Duration / Progression?

SPC

Stroke Prevention Clinic



- TIA
- Focal neurological symptoms
- Amaurosis fugax
- Asymptomatic carotid artery stenosis

UNC



Urgent Neurology Clinic

Please provide the patient with the Urgent Neurology Clinic information handout, QR code or website URL.

< 3 months, rapid progression



Inclusions

UNC Website

- First seizure
- Transient global amnesia
- Weakness (objective finding, focal)
- Binocular visual changes (neurological: diplopia, homonymous hemianopia, etc.)
- Bulbar symptoms (dysarthria, dysphagia)
- Aphasia
- Worrisome headaches (with NEW neurological findings)
- Focal neurological deficits
- New neurological symptoms in a pregnant or immunocompromised person

NCAT



Neurology Central Access and Triage

Neurology referrals go through NCAT (EXCEPT SPC / UNC)

> 3 months, consistent progression

All referrals are made by the medical home / primary care provider when possible.

Questions? SpecialistLink.ca

Access to Neurology specialty programs:

- ALS
- CHAMP (Headache)
- Cognitive Clinic
- Epilepsy Clinic
- General Neurology
- Movement Disorders
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Neuroimmunology
- Neuromuscular
- Neurovestibular



Non-Neurology Specialty Referral / Exclusions

- Neurosurgery / Spine Surgery
- Ophthalmology (monocular vision changes)
- Brain Injury Program (for concussion & brain injury)
- Bell's Palsy
- Vertigo (see Specialist Link pathway)
- Temporal arteritis (Plastics AND Int. Med. / Rheumatology)

More information: ARD (Alberta Referral Directory)